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COUNCIL 'IGNORED WARNING OF CRISIS'

By BEN WILKINSON, Chief Reporter

THE financial crisis currently engulfing Harlow Council was predicted 18 MONTHS ago, according to its former financial director.

Martin Hone, who quit his job last February to work in Southend-on-Sea, claims he warned that more than £1m of savings was needed as early as June 2006 but was ignored by senior councillors and officers.

He told the *Star* a report he wrote highlighting his financial concerns was discussed by the council's policy and resources committee.

But he claims the then-council leader Kevin Brooks, who has since been widely credited for reversing the council's earlier financial difficulties, refused to accept his advice.

"He really kicked off about it, said Mr Hone. "He had influence over many Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors and persuaded them to block our proposals. As a result, we never really got to grips with the problems."

He added: "When I left in February, I could see the writing was on the wall. Harlow Council now has three months to sort out this mess instead of almost two years."

However, Mr Brooks rubbished the claims and said Mr Hone had made an unsuccessful

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Nappy new year

MIDWIVES at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital were kept busy over the Christmas and New Year period. Pictured, below, are the three babies born to Harlow mums on New Year's Day, while there were special deliveries to two Harlow families on Christmas Day.

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Maria Lindsey and Mark Sanders (RFGDFTRN/ 04)



Manu and Stella Joseph (RFGDFTRN/ 02)



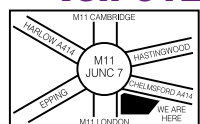
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Council 'ignored' warning of financial crisis

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complaint to the local government watchdog over the dispute. "It's true he had a forecast for about a £1.1m shortfall but none

of the items he identified were relevant to the current overspend," he said.

"His report in June 2006 is a complete red herring. The items making up his forecast have been proved erroneous and bear

no relation at all to the items making up the 2007-08 overspend."

Mr Brooks also said the report had failed to include Government-required efficiency savings or savings from the cre-

ation of Kier Harlow, the private company partly owned by the council which carries out many of the services previously run in-house.

He added: "The man is just motivated by malice."

Family's distress at grave damage

By CHRIS MOSS

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A GRIEVING woman was distraught when she visited her father's grave, only to find it had been damaged by workmen.

Susan Twomey was appalled to discover stone borders surrounding Dennis Harvey's resting place at Parndon Wood Crematorium and Cemetery had been broken by contractors working for Harlow Council, which runs the facility.

In addition, the grave had subsided leaving the headstone sloping and its base exposed.

The damage was caused by the digging of a plot which had been squeezed in next to Mr Harvey's.

The complaint from Mrs Twomey, of Chelsea Gardens, Harlow, comes just days after the Star published details of a report of a Government health and safety inspector which criticised failures at the cemetery, including collapsed graves.

Mrs Twomey said she was devastated by the damage which had ruined plans to have relatives pay their respects over the New Year period.

"I can't have family visit him now, it would be heartbreaking," she said.

"I don't know why the council has done this. I can only imagine it's a case of trying to make as much money as possible by packing



OUTRAGED: Susan Twomey with brother Mark Harvey at the grave (photo: CSXJMX4D/01)

in as many graves as possible.

"I couldn't believe they could be so insensitive as to leave it in such a state. The space between the graves is now only a matter of inches – it's disgraceful."

Cemetery bosses have agreed to carry out repair work but Mrs Twomey remains furious about the proximity of the new plot.

"My brother is now considering paying out £1,600 to buy the adjacent plot, just so they can't do anything else to my father's grave,"

she said. "It should never have come to this."

The council has since apologised to Mrs Twomey for the situation but claimed present ground conditions made a small amount of disturbance unavoidable during the excavation.

A spokeswoman added: "All possible short-term repairs and restoration have now been carried out and, once the ground dries out, full repairs and replacement of top soil and grass seed will be implemented."

Lubbock dad hopeful about outcome of second inquiry

TERRY Lubbock hopes 2008 will bring answers about the death of his son following a party at Michael Barrymore's former Roydon home.

He has been assured by the Independent Police Complaints Commission that Essex Police will be ready to reveal the results of a second investigation into the death of his son Stuart.

The father-of-two died in 2001 after being pulled unconscious from Mr Barrymore's pool. A post mortem examination showed he had suffered severe internal injuries.

Mr Lubbock (63), of Great Brays, Harlow, has now fully recovered after suffering an illness last month which left him semi-conscious and hospi-

talised.

He maintains there were serious flaws in the original investigation which led the Essex coroner to record an open verdict into his death.

Speaking to the *Star*, Mr Lubbock said: "I am now fully recovered and raring to go and the new year represents renewed hope and a turning point."

"There are hopeful signs ahead that the police have concluded their second inquiry and have hopefully sent their findings to the coroner."

Mr Lubbock said the IPCC's verdict into the first investigation should be available in March and he is also hopeful there may be a second inquest.

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Services between Harlow and London were severely disrupted with travellers forced to disembark at Tottenham Hale

and transfer to the Underground.

Rail operator One advised commuters to avoid travelling unless their journey was absolutely necessary.

Rail users have already been hit in the pocket with above-inflation fare rises of up to 11 per cent.

House fire probed

POLICE have launched an investigating into a suspected arson attack on a house in Harlow.

The victim came back to her Brockles Mead property on New Year's Eve to find fire damage inside the front door.

It is believed the arsonist struck between 6.30pm on Sunday and noon on the following day.

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CHIPPINGFIELD is said to be so littered with potholes they are too deep and too frequent to count. One resident called to say the holes had been filled in numerous times, adding: "It would have been cheaper just to have resurfaced the road to start with."

Meanwhile, Pothole Patrol has had its first success. Fir Park resident K. Dixon writes: "The potholes in the Fir Park/Deer Park area have been filled in just one week after your article. You had immediate success after our months of appeals to the



official channels, were ignored. Thank you."

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SIR, I am astounded at the continuing negligence of Harlow Council toward the wellbeing of its staff and the safety of residents who use its facilities.

The health and safety inspector is right to have "serious concerns" about how the council manages health and safety more widely (*Star*, December 20).

Only last month Harlow Council's strategic director is quoted as saying that the council was not legally obliged to conduct regular maintenance in respect of Harlow Pool. That foolhardy approach contributed toward the early closure of the town's swimming baths.

In light of the council's failure to repair a damaged extractor fan unit at the crematorium, its failure to properly investigate a serious incident of a furnace door blowing open and its failure to undertake a risk assessment of the site, are we to assume this facility will be temporarily closed pending a full health and safety inspection?

I have been instructed by my employer to undergo health and safety training on how to sit properly at work. Not quite dodging flames from a raging furnace or inhaling potentially harmful substances, I agree, but it does show how negligent Harlow Council has been under the current administration.

Guy Mitchinson
Joyners Field, Harlow

Lights out

SIR, Is it any wonder that Harlow Council has not managed its budget of late when it can't even find the switch to turn the lights off at the Civic Centre at night.

Every night (except Sundays) through the hours of darkness until dawn, the flood lights on the front of the building are blazing away at our expense. They were on Christmas night and Boxing Day night to no purpose.

We, the public, are exhorted to save the planet by switching off unwanted lights and appliances. It's about time someone in the council found the light switch and turned out the lights at close of business each night.

John Curry
Old Orchard, Harlow

Stop the rot

SIR, Recently on television it was shown that a post-war prefab was still occupied as a home. They were designed to last 10 years but they are still going strong.

What a lesson for towns like Harlow where we build a swimming pool and let it rot and build a sports centre and let it rot. Even the Town Hall was allowed to rot.

In some towns there are swimming pools that were built 100 years ago and are still going strong, so why do towns like Harlow allow their facilities to deteriorate so badly? Is it because they have so much money they can replace anything or is it the dreaded property developer making offers that cannot be refused?

Harlow is losing its character very fast. A shopping centre split in two with the lion's share of the new part being taken up by a car park and not a public toilet in sight. Just loads of water from which it gets its name. Now that the swimming pool is to close I see no reason why the

taxpayers should fund the disposal of the building. Surely the purchaser who intends to build housing is the one to demolish and foot the bill.

Len King
Church Leys, Harlow

Town's demise

SIR, Both the Sportcentre and the swimming pool have been left to deteriorate over the years, so who is to say that the new buildings in 20 or 30 years hence won't have gone the same way?

What's so wrong with maintaining buildings in a sensible and consistent way?

Does anyone else remember when you could go for a swim and then pop upstairs to the cafe for a cup of cocoa and hot buttered toast?

They were Harlow's glory days. Noiw we are heading for Harlow's demise.

S. Harrison
Long Ley, Harlow

No threat

SIR, Your correspondent Mike Armsworth (*Letters*, December 20) simply misses the points I made previously.

The Showground is not the Town Park, it is an adjacent site that was earmarked in Sir Frederick Gibberd's masterplan for hotel development. The town-wide protests about the loss of the Town Park were simply unjustified; the Town Park was never under threat.

On action to prolong the life of the old pool, my understanding is that the showstopper is the structural problem that would have cost more than £1m to address. This was money that we did not have and would not have been worth spending even had it been available. My conscience is very clear.

John Young
Paddock Mead, Harlow

Lack of care

SIR, I moved to Harlow from outside the district about a decade ago. Being used to a weekly swim I used the town pool but gave up after a month or so because I viewed it as a poorly run facility compared to my previous experiences.

Other relatives also used it but felt it was not looked after. Since its sudden closure I have wished I had complained years ago because it is obvious the deterioration happened well before this year. Just look at the outside of the building and you can see the lack of care.

Overall, councillors must take responsibility for years of neglect. Again our council has failed the public in general who, after all, pay for councillors and staff through council tax. Yes, the council is improving but it has such a long catch-up ahead.

We also read The Playhouse was £70,000 overspent. Let's hope all councillors now focus on better management.

A. Buckman
Harlow (full address supplied - Editor)

Pay the police

SIR, At a time when Essex Police are losing officers to the Metropolitan force by the hundreds – in part because of pay differentials – the decision by the Government to deny Essex Police their pay award as set out by the independent arbitration panel is both astonishing and foolish.

Recently I met with Tony Rayner, chairman elect of the Essex Police Federation, and he informed me that officers had never been so angry.

The fact is that police officers behaved very properly in agreeing to abide by the decision of the independent police arbitration panel – whatever that decision was – and it is quite shocking that the Government has reneged on that agreement.

Arbitration recommended a 2.5 per cent pay rise but the Government has made a cynical deal with the Chancellor to cut that to 1.9 per cent by not paying the increase for September, October or November. Even the Labour-dominated Home Affairs Parliamentary Committee has described the decision as a travesty.

The fact is that our police are at the frontline of our public services and deserve to be paid fairly. If we are not to lose more of our officers to London, it is vital that they get the pay increase that they were promised.

Robert Halfon
Harlow Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate

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Trust sorry for PAH 'oversight'

HOSPITAL chiefs have apologised to the family of a Harlow woman after failing to respond to a catalogue of shortcomings highlighted by regulators.

Bosses at Princess Alexandra Hospital made an apologetic telephone call to Guilford resident Colin Simpson (58) on Thursday after admitting they still had not answered a series of complaints about the care of his wife as the result of an oversight.

In a 16-page letter sent to the hospital trust on November 9, Healthcare Commission case manager Stephen Quinn listed a number of apparent failures by staff to which he wanted answers.

He also set out a number of recommendations to prevent mistakes being repeated and further instructed the trust to contact Mr Simpson in writing to acknowledge the letter and then again by or on December 13 to respond to the recommendations.

However, a spokesman for the trust confirmed this had not been done. Speaking to the *Star*, he said: "Mr Simpson will be receiving a very apologetic phone call about this. It's being sorted out as we speak.

"What happened is that our patient affairs manager spoke to the Healthcare Commission to buy some more time to get the response together and the

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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Commission agreed to an extension. Mrs Simpson's family should have been informed of this but they weren't and that was an oversight on the part of the trust, for which we apologise."

The spokesman added that Mr Simpson would receive a full written response by the end of this week.

As reported previously, PAH stands charged with a number of serious claims by the family of Mrs Simpson - who is now cared for at Rivers hospital, in High Wycombe - over the care she received in Locke Ward after she suffered a brain stem stroke in February 2005.

These include allegations of poor staff training, poor management, faulty equipment, bad record-keeping, insensitive comments from a consultant and a cavalier attitude to investigating and responding to complaints.

In his letter, Mr Quinn upholds many of these complaints, in some cases citing expert advice, and criticises PAH for not doing more to resolve the family's initial complaints.

Mr Simpson added: "These sorts of delaying tactics by the PAH have been the story throughout. It seems to me that they are just trying to wear me down until I give up, but that's not going to happen."

Special deliveries



WELCOME TO THE WORLD: Top, Christoph and Anna Mrozek with Kacper (photo: LFFQHQQP/07). Below, Nick and Leah Jones with Ethan (photo: LFFQHQQP/03)



THE festive season gave the best presents ever for five Harlow mums who gave birth to healthy babies.

Maria Lindsey (21), of Great Plumtree, gave birth to two-days-overdue Mason on New Year's Day. Weighing 3.4kg (7lb 8oz), he is Maria's second child with partner Mark Sanders after daughter Alexis (2)

Stella Joseph (26), of Rivermill, gave birth to beautiful baby girl Angel, who weighed in at 2.8kg (6lb 2oz) and is her first child with husband Manu.

"It was a bit of a shock to give birth on New Year's Day as she was due on December 28," she said.

April Richardson also gave birth, delivering a baby girl, as yet unnamed, weighing 3.2kg (7lb 5oz).

Ethan Jones was the first baby born at Princess Alexandra Hospital on Christmas Day, arriving at 12.59am to delighted parents Leah and Nick, of Hart Road, Old Harlow. Weighing 2.8kg (6lb 12oz), he was not due until New Year's Day.

Leah said: "He is our first, so we are very happy. It was a lovely surprise."

Later that day, Kacper Mrozek was born a week late at 10.15pm, weighing 3.3kg (8lb 10oz). His parents, of Sycamore Field, had to abandon their turkey dinner so dad Christoph could take wife Anna to PAH.

"It was the best Christmas present we could have wished for," said Anna.

In all, 17 babies were born at PAH on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Police hunt intruder

A BURGLAR who preyed on a vulnerable elderly woman just two days before Christmas is the target of a police hunt.

Detectives are investigating the break-in at Gibb Croft, Harlow, shortly before 5pm on December 23 in which the masked raider smashed his way through a patio door.

The intruder, a tall man dressed in dark clothing, demanded money from the frightened resident in her 80s before turning over the room to search for money. He found her handbag, stole a three-figure sum of cash and fled.

Call (01279) 625412 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Three-years in prison for knifepoint robber

A WOMAN was this week starting a three-year jail term for robbing a newsagents at knifepoint.

Sarah Patterson (26), of Potter Street, Harlow, pleaded guilty to robbery when she appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court.

John Caudle, prosecuting, said Patterson went into Martin's Newsagent on July 29 and asked for two packets of cigarettes but the cashier was suspicious and held them back.

Patterson left but five minutes later returned and selected two bars of chocolate and a newspaper before moving to a till where a customer was being served.

As the customer waked away, Patterson grabbed the arm of the cashier, pulled a bread knife from

her clothing and snatched £180 from the till.

The cashier ran off screaming and Patterson helped herself to confectionary and tobacco before leaving with a haul worth £240.

She was arrested when she walked in to a police station a week later and confessed. She said she committed the robbery because of a drug debt and had been threatened by her dealer.

The court, sitting on December 21, was told that a few weeks after the incident the cashier died but her death was not linked to the robbery.

Ian Boyes, in mitigation, said Patterson gave herself up and had expressed contrition from the outset.



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When change suited a store

READERS of our business page will be aware of the closure on New Year's Eve of one of Harlow's oldest retailers – menswear store Glanville.



By
BEN WILKINSON

The shop, latterly trading on the first floor of the Harvey Centre, was the longest continuously trading business in The High. But this week, 50 years after it first opened, the shutters were pulled down for the last time.

Glanville only moved to the Harvey Centre in 2004 – for 26 years before it was based in West Gate and, before that, from 1957-78 in Little Walk.

Our picture shows the store in its original guise in 1960, the days before the thoroughfare was covered over to create the town's first indoor shopping mall. A damaged print was sent in by Glanville employee of 36 years Frank Raven, although we are grateful to The Museum of Harlow for supplying us with

another copy in much better condition.

Mr Raven (62) recalled the history of the business, named after founder Eric Glanville Weare and which once also had branches in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds.

"We had a long history in Harlow but we changed and moved with the times," the Orchard Lane resident told *Nostalgia*. "In the early days we used to do boys' schoolwear and the manager at the time, Bill Haycock, designed the uniform colour schemes and school badges of most schools in the town.

"Later on, when uniforms fell out of favour, we got out of that and moved into other areas. In the '60s, we opened a boutique called Focus, in West Gate. These were the days before designer wear as we know it today but it meant that, for the first

time, you didn't have to get your clothes from the same place as your dad!"

Mr Raven explained how Glanville began specialising in designer clothes in 1986. "We were always upmarket, if you like, always stocking top-quality stuff, but that's not to say all the customers were posh. Mainly, it would be your average guy who saved up to get something really good because he knew it would wear better and last longer.

"But although the quality remained good, the styles certainly changed over the years – when I started it was all suits but from the early '90s onwards, jeans were a big part of the business."

Although he mourned Glanville's closure, Mr Raven told *Nostalgia* he felt working in retail had lost its fun, citing longer hours and the advent of Sunday trading as key factors.

● DO Mr Raven's memories ring any bells with you? Why not share your recollections too?

25 YEARS AGO

December 30, 1982

LUNATICS!

HARLOW councillors have hit out angrily at proposals by the Government to force local authorities to prepare for nuclear attack.

The Government's list of draft regulations includes plans to compel councils to carry out surveys of underground structures which could serve as communal bunkers.

If the plans were approved they could also force the council to provide a wartime headquarters and install emergency equipment.

But the Government's suggestion met with furious indignation from Harlow councillors who are so committed to peace that Harlow has now been declared

a 'nuclear free zone'.

Councillor Bill Hanley said: "It is the attitude of this government to refuse money for essential housing repairs and yet fritter away money to defend the indefensible!

"They are lunatics!"

The government might be trying to con the people but Harlow Council would not con the residents of Harlow, said councillor Rene Morris.

XMAS DAY AT PAH

NINE babies were born at Princess Alexandra Hospital on Christmas Day.

But Christmas was not only a busy time for the maternity department – the staff of the casualty department were kept on their toes treating 114 patients on Christmas Eve, 71 on Christmas Day and 77 on Boxing Day.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Have any of our correspondents' recollections jogged your memory?

- Do you recall any famous visitors to Harlow in times past?
- Do you remember the opening or early days of Harlow Market?

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School protestors to continue fight

A YEAR after governors chose to relocate Passmores School and create a "superschool", both planners and campaigners have stepped up a gear.

Essex County Council will soon be placing statutory notices regarding the £20m state-of-the-art facilities around the Tendring Road school and at the proposed site off Tracyses Road.

When the governors agreed in principle in December 2006 to the relocation of the school, they insisted upon five caveats to be agreed with ECC.

However, a letter sent home to parents before the Christmas break suggested some of the demands have been watered down.

Governors originally asked that children from the school's traditional feeder schools be given priority for the new facility despite it being located on the other side of town. This has now been changed, with priority given to children closer to the present site regardless of their primary school.

A year on and the issues regarding transport and pupils near the present site getting free travel to the new school have not been resolved.

Jim Rogers, spokesman for the Save Passmores Action Group which has been fighting to keep the school in Tendring Road, told the *Star*:

By **JIM TANFIELD**
tanfieldj@hertsessexnews.co.uk

"We are still determined to stop this relocation and we are now even more mindful of the facts of regeneration.

"Why close down a school in one area and open it up somewhere else? That will only leave you needing to build another school where you've left the gap because of all the planned growth for the town."

However, Passmores head-teacher Vic Goddard said: "I am delighted to see the progress being made to meet the five caveats set out by the governors of Passmores back in December 2006 but, of course, we wait with interest the decision regarding the funding approval.

"I know that the final decision by the governing body will be taken with the best interests of all the learners, present and future, of Passmores School and I look forward to being a part of that future whatever the decision that is made."



Messages of love for the bereaved

CHRISTMAS was a time of reflection for bereaved families who were invited to take part in a poignant memorial service.

The names of those who had died during the past year were read out during the service which was organised by North Weald funeral directors Stuart Poulton Ltd and held at St John's Church, Epping.

The company also invited members of the congregation to write messages to loved ones which were attached to balloons and released in return for a donation to local charity The Rhys Daniels Trust.

Owner Stuart Poulton told the *Star*: "It was a very poignant and well-attended service.

"This is the third time we've done this and the vicar at St John's has had very positive feedback from the people of Epping.

"We have managed to raise in the region of £500 for The Rhys Daniels Trust, which is a fantastic achievement."

Pictured, left to right, are Sandra Collins, Carmen Daniels, Mr Poulton, Eddie Bradley and John Collins.

(photo QMKNKYQ/02)

Mugger broke finger of OAP as he grabbed her handbag

A MAN who snatched the handbag of a pensioner as she returned home from a doctor's appointment has been jailed.

The 78-year-old victim was walking in Pittman's Field, Harlow, when Benjamin O'Mahoney grabbed the bag with such force it broke her finger.

O'Mahoney (21), of Waterhouse Moor, Harlow, was sentenced to four years after he pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court to charges of robbery, theft and burglary.

The court heard the robbery happened on October 8 when O'Mahoney cycled up behind his victim and snatched the bag

from her left hand.

Nneka Akudolu, prosecuting said the contents of the bag were valued at £60. O'Mahoney was later arrested and made a full admission, telling police he took the bag to pay for his drug habit.

He also later owned up to stealing two mobile phones and being involved in burglary at a garage in Arkwrights.

Richard Potts, representing O'Mahoney, said in mitigation he had committed his "pernicious offending" to pay for drink and drugs.

"He wishes to apologise to his victims, particularly the elderly lady," he said.

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Lottery windfall for three youth projects

THREE youth-themed projects in Harlow are to receive cash windfalls totalling more than £200,000 from the National Lottery.

The money from the Big Lottery Fund has been awarded to Harlow Council which, working in partnership with local groups, will spend it on schemes designed to improve opportunities for youngsters of all ages.

Forest Fantasia, a play programme at the Parndon Wood Nature Reserve, will take place during the school summer holidays and cater for different age groups with activities including forest skills, woodland management, arts and crafts and biodiversity awareness.

The Rainbow Young Bus, a mobile play facility which is already a hit with under-5s, will have its route extended to include new parts of the town over the next two years.

And the teenagers' milk bar, which is due to open shortly, will be able to operate beyond its six-month pilot and market itself to increase custom and reach minority groups.

Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of Harlow Council's environment and community committee, said: "This funding announcement is great news for the town and will help towards providing new and innovative play opportunities at no cost, to children and young people of all abilities."

● TIME is running out for youth groups to apply for a share of £300,000 funding which is up for grabs in Essex.

The money, from central government and Essex County Council, is available under the Youth Opportunity Fund to groups of young people aged between 13 and 19 for specific projects.

Applications close on January 17. For more information about the fund and how to apply visit the website at www.essexcc.gov.uk.

Stroke group raffle raises £1,400



A GRAND Christmas raffle to raise funds for the Harlow Stroke Support Group brought a few early presents for some lucky people.

The charity, which is the official chosen cause of Harlow Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley, gave away a host of prizes

including a flat-screen colour television, a year's free parking at the Harvey Centre and shopping vouchers.

The winners were announced at a party held at the Great Parndon Community Association in Abercrombie Way, an event paid for by lottery funding.

The raffle raised more than £1,400 for the charity, money which will be put towards supporting stroke victims and their families in the Harlow area.

Pictured above during the party are, left to right, Ray Wright, Mic Duncan, Michael Gareth and Ray Bone. (photo: VJJW9CCD/03)

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Surgeon takes his final bow in hospital operating theatre



A CONSULTANT surgeon has retired from practice after a career in the local area spanning three decades.

Michael Morgan, pictured above, hung up his scrubs for the last time shortly before Christmas. Since retiring from the National Health Service in 2003, Mr Morgan has worked at the privately-run Rivers Hospital in High Wych.

Among his many achievements was his role in helping to establish the breast screening unit at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

Mr Morgan said he looked forward to spending more time with his wife Jane and enjoying his hobbies which include fishing, beekeeping and classic cars.

Join the cue

BILLIARDS players can cue up to take a potshot at cancer by taking part in a special charity competition at a Harlow snooker club.

Rileys, in the Water Gardens, is running its Pot The Lot contest until February 29. Participants pay £1 to enter with 50p going to prostate and testicular cancer charity Everyman and 50p going into the prize fund. The player who clears the table in the fastest time wins the cash.

The event is part of an awareness campaign being run by Everyman in conjunction with Rileys, which has been promoted by *Hollyoaks* star Gemma Atkinson.

Rileys spokesman Sean Langley said: "The competition is running in all our clubs until the end of February so there's plenty of opportunity to show your local rivals just what you're made of!"

"Prostate cancer claims the life of one man every hour in the UK and testicular cancer can affect boys as young as 15. The more we can do to raise awareness the more lives can be saved."

Wood workers

HARD-working Harlow Scouts and Cubs dug in to make the town a bit greener when they assisted an environmental project in Risden Wood.

The group of youngsters planted 30 trees at the site used as a base by the 2nd Great Parndon Troop as part of the Woodland Trust's 'Tree For All' campaign.

Scout leader Clare Nunn said: "Even though the day was cold and wet everyone had great fun."

"The trees have been protected with casings so that the wildlife does not

destroy them but in a few years time there will be a new section of healthy woodland for wildlife to thrive."

Hospice help

A BEREAVEMENT services co-ordinator has been taken on by Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice for the next three years thanks to funding from Macmillan Cancer Support.

The charity agreed to pay the £97,000 cost of the new post following a bid by hospice bosses.

Chief executive Richard Cowie said: "This is fantastic news as we further extend our support to the local community. St Clare Hospice is committed to caring for families as well as patients."

Hearty effort

THE British Heart Foundation is £120 better off thanks to Epping Forest Council's fundraising Life Walks which took place around the district.

The cash was handed over at the walking group's recent Christmas dinner.

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The £10m Carta copy

A RARE copy of a 13th Century document called the Magna Carta recently sold at auction in New York for more than £10m.

Regular readers of this page may remember the piece we wrote about the Magna Carta a few months ago, but for those of you who don't this important legal document, written hundreds of years ago during a time we now refer to as the Middle Ages, helped form the basis of many of the laws we have today.

The Magna Carta, which is Latin for great charter, was written in 1215 following an argument about how much power the king of England should have over his subjects.

By signing it, King John agreed that he could no longer have the power to do anything he wanted and that he would be subject to the laws of the land.

There are only 17 copies left in the whole world and the copy which was sold last month dates all the way back to 1297.

It was bought by a businessman called David Rubenstein who said he was happy to pay the huge price as it was the only copy of the Magna Carta in America.

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DATE OF BIRTH: January 5, 2000
ADDRESS: Old Orchard, Harlow
SCHOOL: St Luke's Primary
HOBBIES: Rugby, collecting Pokemon

cards, watching TV
DISLIKES: Going to bed early
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken fajitas
LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Cauliflower
FAVOURITE BOOK: Horrid Henry
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Tracy Beaker
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Leona Lewis
FAMILY: Younger brother, Cameron (4)
PETS: Ozzie the hamster
WANTS TO BE: Rugby player (photo: J9K4GDNV/02)

Happy Birthday

FRIDAY

HELEN (member 25F), of Primrose Field, Harlow, and **LEWIS** (member 395), of Harlow Road, Roydon, are both 12 and retire from Rangers

SATURDAY

DANIEL (member 271), of Milwards, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **AUSTIN** (member 683), of Old Orchard, Harlow, is 8; **KAYLEIGH** (member 707), of Church Leys, Harlow, is 7

SUNDAY

SARAH (member 544), of Ladyshot, Harlow,

is 11; **ANDREW** (member 442), of Heathcote Gardens, Harlow, and **MICHAEL** (member 676), of Bentley Drive, Harlow, are both 10; **LUCHIA** (member 884), of Little Pynchons, Harlow, is 5

TUESDAY

PAUL (member 216), of Tylney Croft, Harlow, is 11; **OSCAR** (member 566), of High Street, Hatfield Broad Oak, is 5; **BILLIE** (member 855), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, is 3

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They're turning hotspots



HOTSPOTS WINNERS: Left, Cooks Spinney Wood and, above, runner-up Church End Pond

SOME of Harlow's most prominent eyesores are being given a facelift for the new year

Work has begun on sprucing up the areas nominated by *Star* readers in our Harlow Hotspots competition which was run in conjunction with development partnership Harlow Renaissance.

Top of the list and overall winner with the most votes was Cooks Spinney Wood near The Stow, where work has already started on clearing vegetation, widening access points and installing bird and bat boxes.

Biodiversity officers from Harlow Council have also approached Spinney School to design wood carvings to provide

By **CHRIS MOSS**

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the area with a fresh identity.

Work has also commenced on the runner-up, Church End Pond, where substantial coppicing and scrub clearance has taken place.

And this week Harlow Renaissance announced the good news that contractor Kier Harlow has agreed to carry out maintenance and renovation work on another nine of the worst offenders, including the notorious underpass linking First Avenue with The Hides.

Kier confirmed that all work will be completed by the end of their winter programme in March.

Harlow Renaissance chief executive Andrew Bramidge

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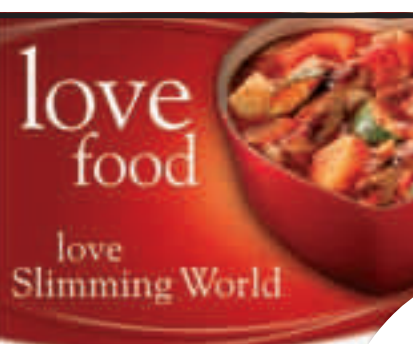
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described the success of the Hotspots project as a perfect example of partnership-working in the town.

"Harlow Renaissance, the *Harlow Star*, Harlow Council and Kier Harlow have worked directly with the local community to identify and deliver the enhancement of a number of environmental areas," he said.

"It really has been a case of local people having a direct input to their immediate environment."

"We were particularly pleased that thanks to the additional support of Essex County Council we have been able to also complete the work on Church End Pond, a runner-up in the competition, and that Kier Harlow have undertaken a further 11 nominations as part of their regular maintenance programme."



Kier Harlow has also promised to include the following nominations as part of their winter maintenance programme:

- Underpass under First Avenue / The Hides
- Overgrown shrubbery and collapsed fencing by Shopmobility in Post Office Walk
- Rubbish dumped on Burnt Mill Industrial Estate
- Overgrown footpath behind Abbotsweld School in Partridge Road
- Pathway to the wood by St James Primary School on Paringdon Road
- Pathway linking Paringdon Road and Parndon Wood Road
- Harlow Study Centre churchyard
- Alleyway behind Purford Green
- Footpath running behind Ladysnot

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much then now's the time to give Della a call.

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REVIEW OF 2007 (part II)

July to December

Dogs, job fears and a budget black hole

JULY

THE town's music scene was in mourning after the death of "real life Superman" James Redington. The 28-year-old helped at the Square as a Rock School tutor and died of a rare condition which can cause sudden death.

PARKING was highlighted as the biggest gripe among visitors to Princess Alexandra Hospital, according to a survey carried out by Harlow MP Bill Rammell. Cleanliness, waiting times and quality of food also figured prominently among the concerns of those questioned.

A **PUPPY** needed emergency treatment after it was mauled by a cross-breed terrier in the first of a spate of dog-on-dog attacks to be reported in the town.

CAR owner Janet Jennings was outraged after her Ford Focus was towed by the council, despite being legally parked. The 39-year-old was fuming after council chiefs told her she would have to pay £130 to have

the vehicle returned to her.

AUGUST

A **STAR** investigation found crime and anti-social behaviour at Princess Alexandra Hospital occurring at a rate of at least one incident a day. Between April 1 and May 31, 2007 there were five assaults on staff and 26 incidents of nuisance behaviour.

POLICE investigate claims that Eastern Europeans are poaching carp from waterways in the town after an angler claimed to have seen a man catch a fish, stab it and walk off with it from Harlow Common pond. Despite the probe, no arrests were made.

A **SPIDER** closely related to the infamous Black Widow was found in Mallows Green. Mum-of-two Amanda Mayo discovered the False Widow specimen clinging to her bedroom curtains.

HARLOW Pool hit the national headlines after banning two young boys for wearing three-quarter length swimming trunks. The

council claimed the garments created extra drag in the water and that the ban was enforced to protect swimmers' safety.

SEPTEMBER

HARLOW Council was forced into an embarrassing U-turn over banning three-quarter length swimming trunks after the national press blasted the decision as health and safety madness. Environment and community committee chairwoman Eleanor Macy made the announcement after admitting the council had reconsidered after seeking further advice about the matter.

PRIVATE Robert Foster (19) was killed in Afghanistan after an American F15 bombed his position. His comrades Private Aaron McClure (19) and Private John Thrumble (21) also died.

THE *Star* joins forces with police to help catch a terrier cross responsible for a spate of attacks on other dogs. The appeal for information results in a dog owner being investigated by police.

PLANS to demolish The Square to make way for yet more housing are revealed by the *Star*. The move sparks fury among music lovers and community figures who say the venue is iconic in Harlow's history.

CONSERVATIVE prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon calls for a bypass to be built between junctions 7 and 8 on the M11 to ease the growing congestion on Harlow's gridlocked roads.

OCTOBER

SCOUT leader Trevor Chappell fears yobs are endangering the safety of children in his charge after he and a group of cubs were barricaded in a scout den. The 1st Kingsmoor Group leader was given donations for security measures after the *Star* ran his story.

FEARS grow that the town's walk-in centre could merge with Princess Alexandra Hospital's A&E department after the move was recommended by PCT bosses, despite a public consultation yet to be carried out.

DINERS at Spanish restaurant Ortega were shocked after mice were seen running along the dining room floor. Hygiene chiefs gave the go-ahead for the tapas bar to stay open after investigations found the mice had not

invaded the kitchen.

ESSEX County Council leader Lord Hanningfield slates Harlow as being the worst-run town in the county. He also accused MP Bill Rammell of spreading falsehoods about the county council in relation to its plans for The Square and the cost of highways work.

MEN in Harlow are revealed as being among the worst in the country for cutting their life expectancy by excessive drinking. Figures show the average Harlow man was losing a year of his existence.

NOVEMBER

FEARS grow that hundreds of jobs are to be axed at pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmith Kline as part of a worldwide "operation excellence programme". The announcement comes only a week after Raytheon Systems and Pitney Bowes announced job cuts.

HARLOW Council appears to have completed a spectacular turnaround after the audit commission names it the fastest improving local authority in the country and rates its performance as 'good'. The praise comes after the council was given the lowest possible performance rating in 2004 due to a catalogue of failures, including financial mismanagement and poor leadership.

OFSTED inspectors highlight shortcomings at Harlow College in a damning report which stated that it had failed to make significant progress in three key areas. It also said a majority of teaching staff did not have teaching qualifications.

HERO firefighter Mark Roythorne (41) saves his neighbour from a house blaze in Orchard Croft while off-duty, breaking in through the patio doors to make the rescue.

DECEMBER

TERRY Lubbock celebrated after being awarded £6,800 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority over the death of his son Stuart, who was found floating in Michael Barrymore's pool in 2001. He received £5,500 over as compensation for injuries which led to Stuart's death and a further £1,300 to cover funeral expenses.

HARLOW pool is officially closed with immediate effect after councillors followed officers' recommendations to shut it on health and safety grounds.

A **SHOCKING** £1.8M black hole is revealed in Harlow Council's budget, raising fears that services could again be cut to plug the deficit in a move reminiscent of 2005, which saw the axe fall on a number of community facilities to balance the books.

HEALTH and safety inspectors back union claims that staff at the council-run Parndon Wood Crematorium are being put at risk after an inspection raised a catalogue of health and safety concerns.

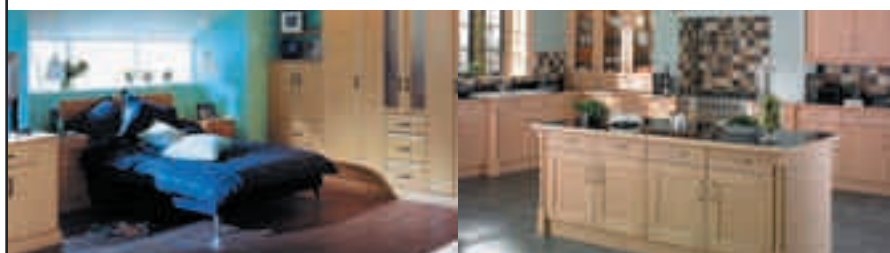
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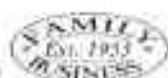
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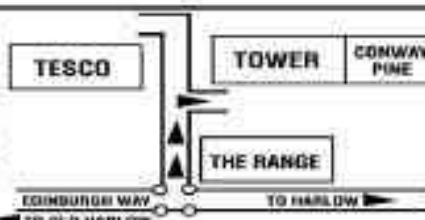
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Linking for charity

AN office superstore in Harlow has given vulnerable youngsters a helping hand this Christmas by helping to raise vital funds for a national children's charity.

Staples, in Edinburgh Way, linked up with 133 other branches throughout the UK to create the country's longest paper chain in a festive fundraiser for confidential counselling service Childline.

The store asked charitable customers to pay £1 to sponsor a link on the chain, raising an impressive £80,000 for the service and making a chain six miles in length!

Glad tidings at Harvey Centre

THE shopping centre at the heart of Harlow has reported record numbers of shoppers flocking to its stores throughout December.

According to footfall figures released by the Harvey Centre, the number of consumers rose steadily throughout the month and culminated in an enormous 435,609 visits in the week before Christmas.

Centre bosses now claim this demonstrates the shopping precinct is moving up the retail hierarchy and bucking the national trend that saw low footfall at the beginning of the month before a panic-buying surge as Christmas Day loomed large.

By **CHRIS MOSS**
mossc@hertsessexnews.co.uk

And despite the huge rise in internet shopping this year, the centre appears to have proved the retail experts wrong by pulling in shoppers from east Hertfordshire and west Essex who still prefer to brave the crowds rather than surf the web.

Marks and Spencer branch manager Nikki Shore was delighted with her store's seasonal trading figures.

"Christmas has been great for us," she said. "We're £1 up on every transaction and footfall, especially in the last two weeks, has been exceptional."

Claire's Accessories manager Nicola Scales agreed: "It certainly seems that

people around here want to experience traditional shopping and browse before they buy.

"Footfall at the Harvey Centre has been noticeably up and we've capitalised on that by creating excellent window displays."

In addition to the impressive retail figures, the shopping centre's website recorded a sizeable 58,313 hits during December, while Santa's Grotto welcomed almost 4,000 children through its doors.

Centre manager Bryan Young said: "All in all, I think we've had an outstanding Christmas at the Harvey Centre. Footfall, grotto and webpage figures all point to the same fact – the centre is continuing to become more and more popular with shoppers throughout the area."

Tree recycling will help out Africa appeal

IF you're stuck with that familiar festive dilemma of what to do with the Christmas tree come Sunday, a charitable burial park in Epping may just have the answer.

Woodland staff at the Epping Forest Burial Park in North Weald are inviting people to take their unwanted trees to the site for recycling and help spread some seasonal cheer to a famine-stricken part of Africa.

The company will shred trees in return for a £1 donation to Tree Aid, a charity set up to help restore land, manage forests and plant new trees in rural Burkina Faso, an area where drought and over-exploitation of forests are taking their toll.

The shredded trees will then be composted down to further enrich the forest floor at the 52-acre woodland burial site.

Park manager Fran Hall said: "It's hard to imagine a landscape without trees and the situation in this part of Africa highlights what a devastating effect loss of forest and woodland can be.

"Lots of people enjoy having a real tree in their home at Christmas and we'd like to encourage them to dispose of their trees responsibly, at the same time helping others to benefit from all that trees have to offer."

For more information, call (01992) 523863 or log onto www.woodlandburialparks.co.uk.

FSB seeks poll on Euro treaty

A REGIONAL business organisation is polling its members as to whether there should be a referendum on the new EU Treaty amid fears it could have an adverse impact on UK businesses.

The controversial charter was signed by Prime Minister Gordon Brown on December 13, but the Federation of Small Businesses has warned there are no concrete guarantees that Brussels cannot alter UK employment laws despite Government assurances to the contrary.

Essex FSB regional organiser Terry Taber said: "We are aware that the UK has secured a written guarantee that the charter cannot be used by the European Court of Justice to alter UK employment laws."

"But there are legal experts who say this written guarantee may not be effective and that small businesses could face further complexity in employment laws."

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Harlow to Brighton run is a big success



STAFF at a Harlow weight-loss firm enjoyed a Christmas party with a difference when they travelled to Brighton to take part in a charity challenge based on TV show *The Apprentice*.

A lookalike Sir Alan Sugar challenged LighterLife employees to pound the

BRIGHTON ROCKERS: The winning team at the end of the LighterLife charity event (s)

pavements armed only with their wits, a list of gifts to purchase and a bag full of Brighton Rock to raise funds for local children's charity Fun In Action.

Seven teams hit the streets of the seaside town for 90

minutes with the aim of making the most money, between them raising an impressive £10 per minute to make a grand total of £921.

Event organiser Joanne Richardson said: "We had a great time using our

brains for inspiring ideas to raise as much money as possible within 90 minutes – and as the charity was only expecting us to raise around £300, we were delighted to be able to hand over three times that amount!"

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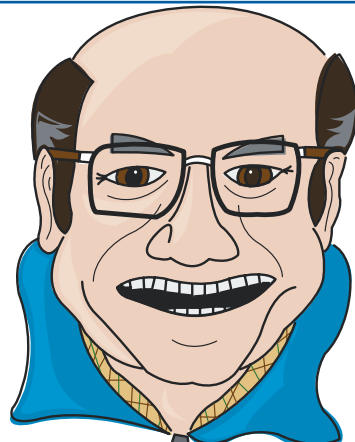
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I get sick and tired of what I would call a metropolitan Hampstead elite who think it's funny and fashionable to knock Harlow.

Harlow's definitely un-metropolitan MP Bill Rammell expresses frustration at a damning BBC report about the state of the town centre.

I consider myself to be a modern Cameron Conservative but most of the group are not that. It's not a highly skilled group.

Newly independent Sumners and Kingsmoor councillor John Paul Goddard fires some parting shots as he quits the Tory group.

I still don't know what it is they do. I can't believe they need to spend that much money on a trip; it sounds like a jolly to me.

Harlow Civic Society's John Curry queries the need for development company Harlow Renaissance's £10,000 "fact-finding" mission to Holland.

If you're a college and want to give out leaflets saying 'come here to get educated' you need a licence. But if you're the Moonies and want to hand out leaflets about your religious cult, you're free to do it. That, frankly, is the world gone mad.

Councillor Lorna Spenceley comments on a contentious Harlow Council plan to restrict distribution of leaflets in The High.

I recall several years ago, when the last council logo came in, remarking that we appeared to have a chained pigeon trying to fly away from the town.

Councillor Simon Carter welcomes Harlow's new 'wavy lines' logo, despite its hefty price tag.

There is no room for the delivery of teaching that is unsatisfactory and no room for people who will not work as part of a team.

Don't quote me but...

A selection of some of the things people said during 2007

Harlow College principal Colin Hindmarch explains the thinking behind sacking his lecturers and making them re-apply for their jobs.

It's not acceptable in the 21st century for managers of a public service to behave like 19th century mill owners. University and College Union spokesman Barry Lovejoy reveals exactly what he thinks of Mr Hindmarch's style.

He is getting up to so much, pulling the telephone cord and trying to eat the houseplants. He just gets everywhere.

Mum Connie Robinson shares the downside of her six-month-old son Reuben's, pictured right, incredible walking ability.

Given a pot of white paint or some tape plus a stepladder, I could blank out the signs in a matter of minutes. Ron Bill comes up with a solution to the problem of road signs to the old Harlow College site which are 10 years out of date.

We think Harlow has got everything a family could want.

A Harlow Council press officer basks in the glory of the town being ranked in the top-third of family-friendly

districts.

Nice haircut!

Folically challenged former Tory leader William Hague makes friends with a similarly balding resident during a visit to Harlow's Potter Street.

Whoever this person is, he should get a life. No-one cares about whether we've got a website or not.

Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon lets fly after a London party activist publicly slated his website as "a joke".

If I can do anything as Prime Minister it is to make Bill's majority of 97 go into the thousands.

Newly-appointed Prime Minister Gordon Brown sets out his goal for Bill Rammell in an interview with the *Star*.

This Rick Stein look-a-like has all the verve of a dead sardine. No-one spouts jargon quite like Bill the Bore.

Daily Mail columnist Quentin Letts proves he's no Bill Rammell fan with comments subsequently criticised by the MP as "personal abuse".

When I heard the sentences I couldn't believe it. Wasn't Frank's life worth more?

The girlfriend of stab victim Frank Empson reacts to the sentences handed out to his killers Steven Pascoe and Jack Harrison.

I understand it's a delicacy in their home countries but they need to be

stopped before all the carp are gone.

Harlow angler Paul Williamson is unhappy at the poaching habits of Eastern European immigrants.

We will be informing people through notices at the pool of the fact that this type of swimwear creates more drag in the water.

Harlow Council community services chairwoman Eleanor Macy saves face as she announces a U-turn on the town pool's ban on swimming shorts which was ridiculed in the national press.

We have lost one of our pioneers, a true friend and a great hero.

Joint Harlow Council leader Tony Durcan pays tribute to his late council colleague Roy Collyer.

Some of the words written make me cry every time. We have said it before that we want our kids to be well-liked but this has really taken us aback.

John Foster talks about the tributes paid to his soldier son Robert, pictured right, killed in a 'friendly fire' incident in Afghanistan.

I'm going to celebrate this with a beer or two - in the imperial measure of a pint, of course.

Long-standing metric

martyr Tony Bennett on the European Union's decision not to ban traditional British weights and measures after all.

What it will be is a walk-in centre without the walk-in bit.

Joint council leader Tony Durcan isn't keen on combining Harlow's NHS Walk-In Centre with Princess Alexandra Hospital.

We've been concerned about disabled access since the 1980s but is that a reason to close down the entire building now?

Councillor Jean Clark votes in vain against the closure of Harlow Pool.

I caught the warden giving the electric bingo machine a suspicious look. I thought 'Don't you even think about it'.

Harlow Council sheltered housing tenant Barbara Duggan (77) after Christmas lights were banned for electrical safety reasons. The decision was subsequently reversed.

When I stood down as leader I said I had bequeathed the council a golden financial legacy. I'm beginning now to wonder whether it was worth the bother.

Former Harlow Council leader Kevin Brooks blasts his successor Tony Durcan for presiding over a £1.8m budget deficit at the Civic Centre.



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Tenant fears mouldy walls are health risk

By JIM TANFIELD

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A DESPERATE council tenant claims her health is being put at risk after four years spent living in a damp flat.

Janet Creak (46) says the walls and ceilings in her Little Pynchons home are covered in mould and its floors are constantly wet.

The excess moisture has caused electrical items to be ruined, the flat's electrical circuit to blow and doors on her newly fitted kitchen cabinets to warp.

She also blames the conditions for her recent bouts of breathlessness and failing eyesight and has even cancelled an operation, fearing the atmosphere would be potentially dangerous for her recuperation.

She told the council about the problem when she moved in during 2003 but says the issue is still to be addressed.

To add to her frustration, she said a plumber visited the property a month ago and said he could hear running water behind the walls from the flat above but was unable to help and recommended she call an inspector, who she claims didn't show up.

"I feel I'm banging my head against a brick wall and the council is just not listening," complained Ms Creak.

"I'm fighting a los-

ing battle. It's a waste of wages when the staff can't do what they are paid to out of our taxes and rents."

A Harlow Council spokesman said extensive work had been carried out to the bed-sit, including replacing all the windows, working on the damp proof course, applying fungal washes to the wall and repairing the cavity wall on the property and that no structural or maintenance problems were found which would cause the damp.

"We have given her advice on housekeeping practices and are looking at fitting an air extractor system in the property," he said.

"The block is also due to have cavity insulation installed as part of a programme of works. There are measures that the tenant can take to improve the situation."

Keeping warm is top priority for the elderly

KEEPING a warm household should be top priority for the elderly when it comes to making new year resolutions, according to local health chiefs.

West Essex Primary Care Trust is urging Harlow's older residents to start the month by taking some steps to make their homes warmer and healthier.

Among the tips issued for the over-65s are to:

- maintain a room temperature of 21C or 70F
- use a hot water bottle, electric blanket, thermals or bed socks to keep warm at night;
- always have at least one hot meal a day and plenty of warm drinks, especially in the evening;
- get plenty of exercise, through activities like walking, gardening or dancing.

In addition, elderly people are advised to get a flu jab if they haven't already had one.

PCT spokswoman Jenny Minihane, said: "People aged over 65 who have a serious heart complaint, breathing problems or who have had a stroke or a long-term chronic disease can find it more difficult to stay well over the winter period.

"These resolutions will help people to keep warm and well and some of these simple steps will help to safeguard those most at risk this winter."

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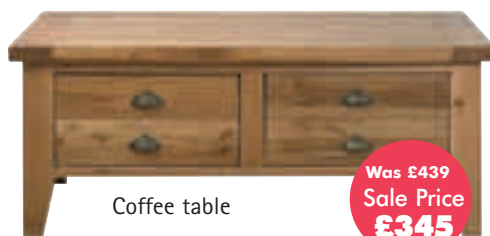
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ADVOCACY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL (01279) 641930.

AGE CONCERN HARLOW (01279) 415553 (office hours).

AGORAPHOBIA AND SOCIALPHOBIA (01279) 304695.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (0845) 769555 (24-hour service).

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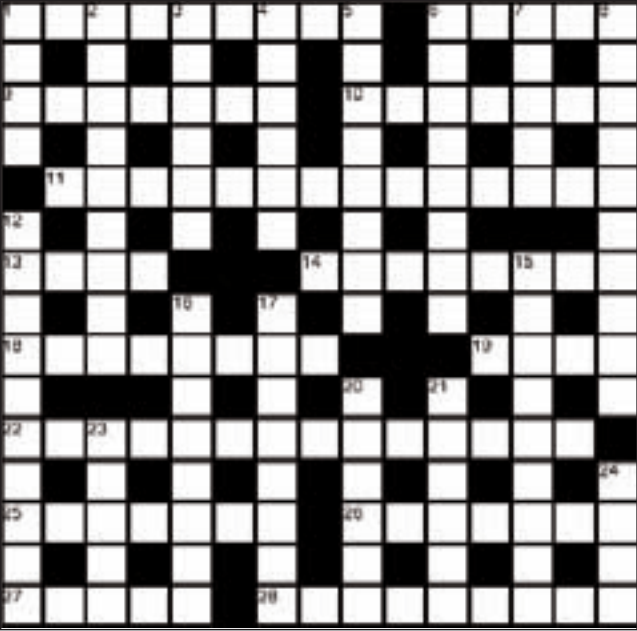
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- ACROSS**
- Songs that have been handed down in the popular tradition of the people (4,5)
 - Description on book's dust jacket (5)
 - Substance that is not animal, vegetable or abstract (7)
 - Short passage from a book, play, etc (7)
 - TV comedy drama set in Ireland originally starring Dervla Kirwan and Stephen Tompkinson (14)
 - Standard monetary unit of Lesotho (4)
 - Chicken stewed with red wine, onions, etc (3,2,3)
 - Smoked pork sausage (8)
 - Royal or state treasury (4)
 - TV children's adventure starring Jon Pertwee (6,8)
 - Bead-like starch obtained from cassava root (7)
 - Chinese-style snack wrapped in dough and deep-fried (3,4)
 - Guess based on intuition (5)
 - Small fast-moving warship (9)

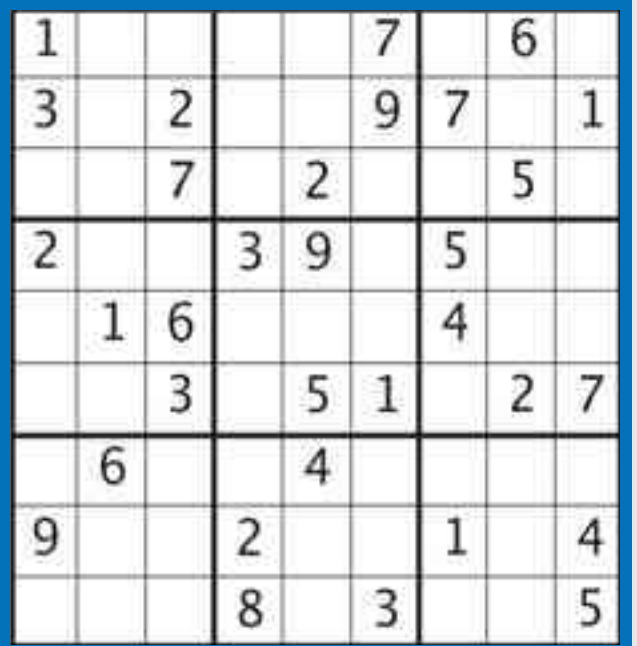
- DOWN**
- Georgie ----, singer who had his biggest hit in 1964 with Yeh, Yeh (4)
 - English city on the River Lune (9)
 - Granular crystalline

- limestone (6)
- Slender silky-haired greyhound originally from Persia (6)
- Town with a castle and racecourse in Monmouthshire (8)
- French gambling card game (8)
- Strip of clothes (archaic or dialect) (5)
- Place in which traffic jams regularly occur (10)
- Royal Highland Regiment (5,5)
- Outspoken conceit (9)
- Huge beast first mentioned in the book of Job and thought to be the hippopotamus (8)
- World of organised crime (8)
- City in Picardy with the largest Gothic cathedral in France (6)
- Small aft sail on a ketch (6)
- City north of Harrogate (5)
- Having wings or wingshaped (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Folk music; 6 Blur; 9 Alar. Amiens; 21 Jigger; 23 Ripon; 24 Behemoth; 17 Gangland; 20 Black Watch; 15 Vain; 16 Baccarat; 7 Umr; 8 Bottleneck; Marbie; 4 Saluki; 5 Chapstow; 6 DNM; 1 Fame; 2 Lancaster; 3 Egg roll; 27 Hunch; 28 Destroyer. Wordle Gummigge; 25 Tapio; 26 Vin; 18 Cervelat; 19 Fisc; 22 Ballykissangel; 13 Lot; 14 Coq au Mineral; 10 Excerpt; 11 ACROSS: 1 Folk music; 6 Blur; 9

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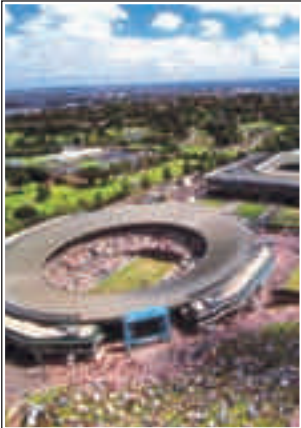


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Family Announcements

Deaths

BAILEY. — Albert. Of The Downs. Passed away on the 26th of December 2007. The funeral is at Harlow Crematorium on Friday the 4th of January at 9am. No flowers by request. Donations to Daniel Robinson for St Clare's Hospice. Everyone is welcome.

DENNIS HOLBROOK

The much loved Husband of Angela who passed away in Princess Alexandra Hospital. He will be greatly missed by all of his loving family and many friends.

All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson & Sons, Harlow 426990.

WINIFRED LLEWELYN

Passed away peacefully December 27th 2007, aged 74 years. Loving mother of 3, Grandmother of 8, Great Grandmother of 5. She will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 11th January 2008 at 3.30pm. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

ALICE McDONOUGH

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 25th December 2007 aged 76 years. Alice will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Chapel on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 3.00pm. All flowers or enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow Tel: 01279 426990.

MURIEL PYE

Lost her brave battle after a short illness on 20th December. Sadly missed by her beloved Husband Tom, her Daughter Carol and Son Steve, Mother-in-law to Tony and Jan, Grandmother to Lee, Ruairi, Dan and Emma and Great Grandmother to Cory, Codie and Adam.

Funeral service on 7th January at St Mary Magdeline, Potter St at 10.45am followed by burial at Gt Parndon. All welcome. Enquiries to Daniel Robinson at Wych Elm. Family flowers only. Donations to IFAW and St Clare's Hospice.

SMYTH. — Charles. "Grandad" You are 1 in a million and always will be. You are my best friend also Grandad. I loved you so very much. Forever in my heart, I will never forget you. God bless. Rest in Peace. Everloving grandson Jason. xxx

SMYTH. — Charles. "Grandad" You will be sadly missed by me, I will always love and remember you and never forget you. Rest in Peace. Your loving granddaughter Tracy (Shakin Stevens), Nicky and family. xxxxx

SMYTH. — Charles. "Our Wonderful Dad". Passed away peacefully 28th December. You meant the world to us. A loving good, proud man, you will be so sadly missed. In our hearts forever. "Our rock you was". God bless you our Dad. "Way up North". Rest in Peace. Your everloving children, Jacqueline, Carol, John, Lyn and son-in-law Mick. xxxxx All enquiries please to Daniel Robinson.

UPTON. — Joyce (wife of the late Vic Upton, former Harlow school teacher). Passed away on Wednesday 26th December 2007, aged 84 years. A dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 11th January 2008 at 2.30 pm. Donations to either NSPCC or Cancer Research UK may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex. CM20 1QP. Telephone 01279 426990.

In loving memory JOHN JOSEPH FARRELL

6.1.97
Time may pass and fade away. But memories of you will always stay as long as time will last. Sadly missed by your wife Madge and family.

LOHSE. — Eileen. 3rd January. As you were you will always be, treasured forever in my memory. Love Greg.

LOHSE. — Eileen. 3rd January. Those we love we never lose, for always they will be, loved, remembered, treasured, always in our memory. Love always Debbie, Deeky and Ellis. xx

In Memoriam

BASTOW. — Louise Maud. A year has passed, we all miss you still. Pauline, Ron, Gordon, Patrick.

DEAN. — Ernest. 15-7-1930 - 6-1-2007. One year has passed, we all miss you, you're in our hearts and memories always. Pam, our sons and grandchildren.

DEVLIN. — William John. 4th January 1983. Dad, 25 years, I still miss and love you. Madeline.

DEVLIN. — William John. 4th January 1983. Miss you everyday. Audrey.

SMYTH. — Charlie. Deepest Sympathy. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time. From Lil Lavery and family. "Way up North"

SMYTH. — Charlie. My very special Grandad, always loved you and always will. Rest in Peace now Grandad. Love Donna and Chris. xx

SMYTH. — Charlie. To our loving Great Grandfather. Loved you loads Grandad Lollipop. All our love, your great grandchildren Scott, Brooke and Beau. xxx

FRANCIS JAMES WOOLCOTT (FRANK)

Peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after a long illness, bravely borne, on 25th December 2007, aged 78 years. The beloved Husband of Celia, a dear Dad to Douglas, Andrew, Catherine, Stuart and David, and a wonderful and loving Grandad of eleven. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Frank's funeral service is to be held on Saturday 5th January 2008, at the Forest Park Crematorium, Hainault at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for the Friends of Jenner House Surgery (cheques made payable to MFH Charities account) and may be forwarded to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

LEONARD MATTHEW WRIGHT

Peacefully at home on 21st December 2007, aged 76 years. The beloved Husband of Jennifer and a dear Dad to Steven and Linda. Len's funeral service took place on Monday 31st December 2007, after a beautiful church service led by Rev Joyce Smith of St Clare Hospice. Len was laid to rest in Sawbridgeworth Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to be divided between St Clare Hospice and the Macmillan Nurses Fund (Cheques made payable to MFH charities account) may be forwarded to the Funeral Directors Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

Birth Congratulations



IT'S A BOY DAVIES - CHOLERTON LIAN & DARREN

Congratulations on the birth of our lovely Nephew Jared Lucas, 30.12.07. All our love Paul, Lorna, Callum and Gracie. xx



IT'S A BOY DAVIES - CHOLERTON LIAN & DARREN

Well done Lian and congratulations to you both on the birth of our beautiful Grandson, Jared Lucas, 30-12-07. Our love to you all. Mum & Dad. xx



IT'S A GIRL LEIA & BRAD

Congratulations on the birth of Evie 28.12.07. Love Mum, Lauren, Nan and Grandad.

9th Birthday



JAMIE WATERS

Happy 9th Birthday Lots of love from Mum and Dad, Ashleigh, Nanny and Grandad, Kelly, Andy and Freddie, Asha, Glen and Remi xxxxx

13th Birthday

PAVITT. — Jazmine. My big sister. Happy 13th Birthday. Love, your little brother Joshua. xxx

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JAZMINE JESSIE PAVITT
"Oh no you're officially a teenager" "Whatever" Love hugs and kisses for your Birthday Nanny and Grandad Calum and little Billie



JAZMINE JESSIE PAVITT
"Oh my days" Look who's a big girl now Happy 13th Birthday Love you lots Love Mummy and Rob xxx

18th Birthday

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Happy 18th
Have a lovely Birthday. Love you loads as always Jane, Harry, Charlie and Ella, Gemma and Dean, Dean and Jade and James xxx

EMILY BUCKINGHAM



Happy 18th Birthday
to our 'Baby' Emily Have a fantastic time, all our love as always, Mum and Dad xx



STACEY PARRISH

Congratulations to you Stacey on your 18th Birthday. Have a great day. All our love Dad, Mum and George xxx



Happy 18th darling AIMEE TEAHAN

'All grown up' Love always Dad, Rachel, Lauren, Danielle, Kaila and Ellie x



STACEY PARRISH

Happy 18th Birthday on January 6th. Best wishes. Love from Nan, Norman and family xxx.



AIMEE TEAHAN

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LOUISE WHITTINGTON
Happy 18th Birthday Darling on 6th Jan. Love Mum, Abby, Georgia and Nathan xx

40th BIRTHDAY

MARIAN HOWARD
Best wishes on your 40th Birthday January 4th. Lots of love from Mum and Dad. x

65th BIRTHDAY

ELLEN SINGLETON
To our very special Mum, Happy 65th Birthday. Thanks for all you do for us, we love you millions. All our love, Sarn and Gary, Joan. x

30th Birthday



SARAH BETTS
30th BIRTHDAY Happy birthday babe. Love you loads Mum and Pete.

50th Birthday



JANICE KING
Take care of your good looks they'll soon start fading now you're 50. Love from the 'girls'.

65th BIRTHDAY

ELLEN SINGLETON
Happy 65th Birthday Nan. Love you Colin, Lisa, Abbie, Bradley and 'Bump'. xxxxx

BETTS. — Sarah. Happy Birthday Mum. Love you. Danny, Chloe, Alfie and Matty.



JOANNE GLADSTONE
nee **COLLINGRIDGE**
Congratulations and best wishes on your 30th. All our love Mum and Dad.

50th BIRTHDAY

LYN WHITBREAD
Happy 50th Birthday. Lots of love Mum xxx

Birthday



JONATHAN WELLS
"Happy Birthday" 3rd January Lots of love Claire xx Mum, Dad, Joanne, Ian, Emily, Valerie and Stephen xxxxx

1st Jan JO GLADSTONE
Happy 30th Darling



'TEENAGE FIZZBOMB'
To a special Wife and Mum. Love you Dan, Lucy-Jo, Sophie and Beth xxx

50th BIRTHDAY

LYN WHITBREAD
Happy 50th Birthday. All our love Chris, Nicola, Joe, Ted. xxx

80th Birthday

BIRD. — George (Dusty). Happy 80th Birthday, from all your Sisters and Buster.

Engagements

65th Birthday

65th BIRTHDAY

ELLEN SINGLETON
To a wonderful wife. Happy 65th Birthday darling. All my love, Mick. xxxx

SAUNDERS : BARKER
Carl and Samantha Congratulations on your Engagement. With love Mum, Dad and Michael x



Happy 30th Birthday on 6th January
KELLY
Love Mum, Tish, David and Glen

40th Birthday

HOWARD. — Marian. Happy 40th Birthday Mum. Love you all the world. From Joe, Molly and Milly. x

HOWARD. — Marian. Happy 40th Birthday Maz. Lots of love from Paul, Mandie, Daniel and Gracie. x

65th BIRTHDAY

ELLEN SINGLETON
To Nan. Happy 65th Birthday. Love you millions. All our love, Mark, Laura, Louis, Mitchell and Reggie. x.

HATFIELD/ NICHOLSON
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MUM
Happy Birthday Rose Lucas
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Much-loved headteacher retires



DOWNS PRIMARY: Pupils and staff wished much-loved headteacher Claudette Georges a long, happy and well deserved retirement after 20 years.

A number of activities were held during an emotional week, beginning with a farewell disco which was followed by an evening of celebration for friends, family, governors and colleagues and an afternoon

SO LONG: Headteacher Claudette Georges bids a fond farewell to some of her pupils (photo: QZX7CL3B/01)

event with mulled wine and mince pies for parents. The grand finale was a school assembly on the last morning of term during which she was presented with flowers and John Lewis vouchers from staff, garden vouchers from the governors and a Radley handbag

from the children. Assistant headteacher Pauline Gordon said: "I would like to thank Mrs George for all she has done to make The Downs School such a wonderful place to be over the years and to wish her good health and happiness in her retirement."



School has an enterprising time

STEWARDS: Students took part in a variety of events during Enterprise Week, inspiring them to think outside the box and to embrace new opportunities for Enterprise Learning.

Year 9 pupils were visited by businessmen and women when they took part in a 'What's My Job?' event which gave them a chance to find out what the world of work is really like by talking face-to-face with visitors and participating in a question and answer session about careers.

Year 10, pictured above, was given a lesson in

business building in a separate event held at the Latton Bush Centre, giving them the chance to think about what is involved in starting businesses and making marketable products.

A £1 challenge was set for Year 7 pupils in which they had to try to make a profit out of a £1 outlay while Years 8 and 11 looked at how maths and technology are used in the workplace.

A school spokesman said: "Stewards School students enjoyed National Enterprise week, celebrating the opportunity to explore new ideas."

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Lessons in sculpting and criminality



PASSMORES: Students have had a busy time after learning some of the consequences of crime and seeing a sculpture they designed unveiled.

Year 7 and 8 students gained a unique insight into life behind bars when they were given the facts about young inmates in a

CREATIVE LEARNING: Top, pictured with the sculpture are, rear, left to right, Charlie Allen, Elliott Preater, artist Phil Melling, Rob Turner, Reed Pretious, Tom Culley, front, left to right, Edward Lilley, George Messenger, Lewis Barron, Gary Osborne and Ian Cullen (photo: B4J4TK7M/03). Left, Keely Askew and Michelle Appleby with prison-issue clothing (photo: J2DPPMF02)

workshop sponsored by The Jack Petchey Foundation.

Members from Outside Chance, a charity which actively works with young offenders in prisons throughout the south-east, covered a variety of subjects such as bullying, drugs, gun and knife crime, binge drinking and anti-social behaviour.

It also detailed the long-term consequences of having a police caution or a criminal record.

Meanwhile, a new wall sculpture was unveiled at the school which Year 10 students created during workshops with Brays Grove resident artist Philip Melling.

The work was completed using traditional forging techniques taught to them when they visited Mr Melling's workshop earlier in the year.

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LOVE AFTER DEATH

Hilary Swank is the young widow receiving messages from beyond the grave

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A fox, a prankster and the memoirs of Suzi Q



By
JIM TANFIELD

A FAMOUS fox, a legend from the world of cricket, a Dane with a chip on his shoulder and Jeremy Beadle will all be treading the boards at The Playhouse in Harlow over the next few months.

The ever-popular pantomime *Dick Whittington* continues its run until January 12 before making way for a varied programme of entertainment aimed at all ages and tastes.

The most anticipated drama production will be Playhouse Theatre Company's take on Lee Hall's award-winning play *Spoonface Steinberg* about a girl with autism. It starts a five-night run on January 29.

Children can get a crash course in the work of The Bard as Shakespeare 4 Kidz presents its pared-down versions of *The Tempest* on February 27 and *Hamlet* the following day.

Among the stars of stage and screen who have been lined up for appearances at the theatre are cheeky hirsute prankster Jeremy Beadle who will be joining illusionists and magicians for charity fundraiser *Magic Moments* on February 2, the ever-entertaining Basil Brush in *Basil of the Caribbean* on February 9, and *Test Match Special* and *Countdown* favourite Henry Blofeld who is guaranteed to draw a big audience to the theatre on May 6 to impart his wry observations to fans.

The Playhouse is also hosting a film



SETTING THE STAGE: Above, the Playhouse panto which runs until January 12. Right, top to bottom, Basil Brush, Jeremy Beadle and Suzi Quatro

festival from March 11-14 which will include a one-day screening of all three parts of *The Lord of the Rings* by Peter Jackson.

There will be no shortage of tribute acts heading for Harlow, with Elvis, the Big Bopper, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Eddie Cochran clones in *Rockin' on Heaven's Door* on January 24, 25 and 26 while it goes purple hazy for Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top tribute act The Hamsters on

February 8. Mick, Keith, Charlie and Bill have their doppelgangers do it for them in *The Rollin' Clones* on February 15 while nods to Neil Diamond and AC/DC take to the stage February 29 and March 7 respectively.

The gripping story-telling capabilities of Playhouse regular Mike Maran return in his take on Louis de Bernieres' *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* on March 6.

Rock legend Suzi Quatro will be reading extracts from her autobiography *Unzipped* when the theatre again hosts the Essex Book Festival on March 11.

Oscar Wilde's spooky *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is another dramatic highlight of the new season on March 4.

● Tickets for all shows are available by calling the box office on (01279) 431945.



Players look to ancient Greece

HARLOW'S Moot House Players have been around for a long time – they are now in their 54th season – but even they would be hard-pressed to match the longevity of the tale chosen for their next production.

This winter they've turned back the clock to ancient Greece to find the inspiration for their annual children's production *The Quest For The Gorgon's Head*.

Writer/producer Bett Hewlett spent several months researching Greek mythology before she sat down to write the script. "Not having any ancient Greek, it was quite a task, but totally fascinating," she said. "This is the first time our children's show has featured Greek mythology and I hope it will be entertaining and educational at the same time!"

The Quest For The Gorgon's Head is described as a brilliant adventure with added educational value, ideal for all ages but of special relevance to Key Stage 2 students in their studies of Greek mythology.

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Who they: James (guitar/vocals), Dave (guitar/vocals), Olly (bass), Travis (drums)

Sounds like: The Screaming Trees being forced through an industrial wood chipper by Black Flag

Website: www.myspace.com/secondhandpiracy

A WORD of warning. This motley bunch of noise-terrorists produce something my dear old nan would probably describe as a "bleedin' racket" and I'm sure it won't only be the older members of society who'd be inclined to agree.

But give them a chance and you might just be surprised. Peel away at the seemingly impenetrable soundscapes and there's more than a hint of straight-up melodic punk rock mixed muddily with vintage buzzsaw grunge at the heart of their splenetic demo recordings.

Honest enough to admit their sound isn't the kindest music to the ears, they may not be in it for the money but they're certainly there for the kicks. Listen to their



frantic reworking of The Stooges' *I Wanna Be Your Dog* (re-dubbed *Chris Poon Can't Play Drums*) and you'll hear a band who are quite willing to stick two fingers up at convention and have a cathartic blow-out while doing it.

If you've wondered how to fill in the gap in your record collection between that obscure Melvins' release and Nirvana's seminal *Nevermind*, then these angry young men might just do the trick if they ever haul themselves into the studio.



Husband still a comfort from beyond the grave

P.S. I LOVE YOU

certificate 12A, running time 2h6m

IF chick flicks, rom coms or anything starring Hugh Grant have you running for the safety of the pub or the toilet, you may want to look away now.

Although thankfully Grant-less, there's little shying away from the overtly feminine appeal of this saccharine-sweet offering.

The brilliant Hilary Swank – double Oscar-winner for her 'male roles', dressing up as a boy in *Boys Don't Cry* and as a boxer in *Million Dollar Baby* – goes all girly to play Holly Kennedy while the über masculine Gerard Butler, seen with spray-on six-pack in the fabulous *300* last year, plays her husband Gary.

The pair meet when Holly gets lost while travelling in Ireland, the sparks fly and they are soon engaged, despite Holly's tender years an much to the chagrin of her mother (Kathy Bates).

But then Gary dies of a brain tumour, leaving Holly widowed before her 30th year and unable to cope with her seemingly bleak future without her soul mate.

Best friends Denise and Sharon (Lisa Kudrow and Gina Gershon) rally around to pull her from her melancholy, but to no avail.

On her birthday, however, a cake and a letter arrive at Holly's apartment from her late husband, giving her instructions on how to get on without him – ooh, the arrogance.

After a few adventures with her pals, Holly slowly rebuilds her life and learns to see a brighter future.

This kind of posthumous guardian angel thing has been done before in the weird *Jack Frost*, where a father is reincarnated as a snowman, and also in the boring tear-jerker *My Life* in which a dad records a video of himself to teach his unborn son how to get on in life.

There is, however, a strong comedic vein running through this offering and that might be enough for it to keep its head above the field.

LOVE STORY: Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler star in P.S. I LOVE YOU (s)



Last man alive struggling to reverse plague

I AM LEGEND

certificate 15, running time 1h41m

PITHY one-liners are the order of the day as the apparently last man on earth – who happens to be Will Smith, no less – battles to save the human race.

Based on Richard Matheson's classic 1954 novel of the same name, the future shock themes feel as relevant today, if not more so, than the post-war, post-A-bomb paranoia of Communist witch-hunting America at the time of its first publication.

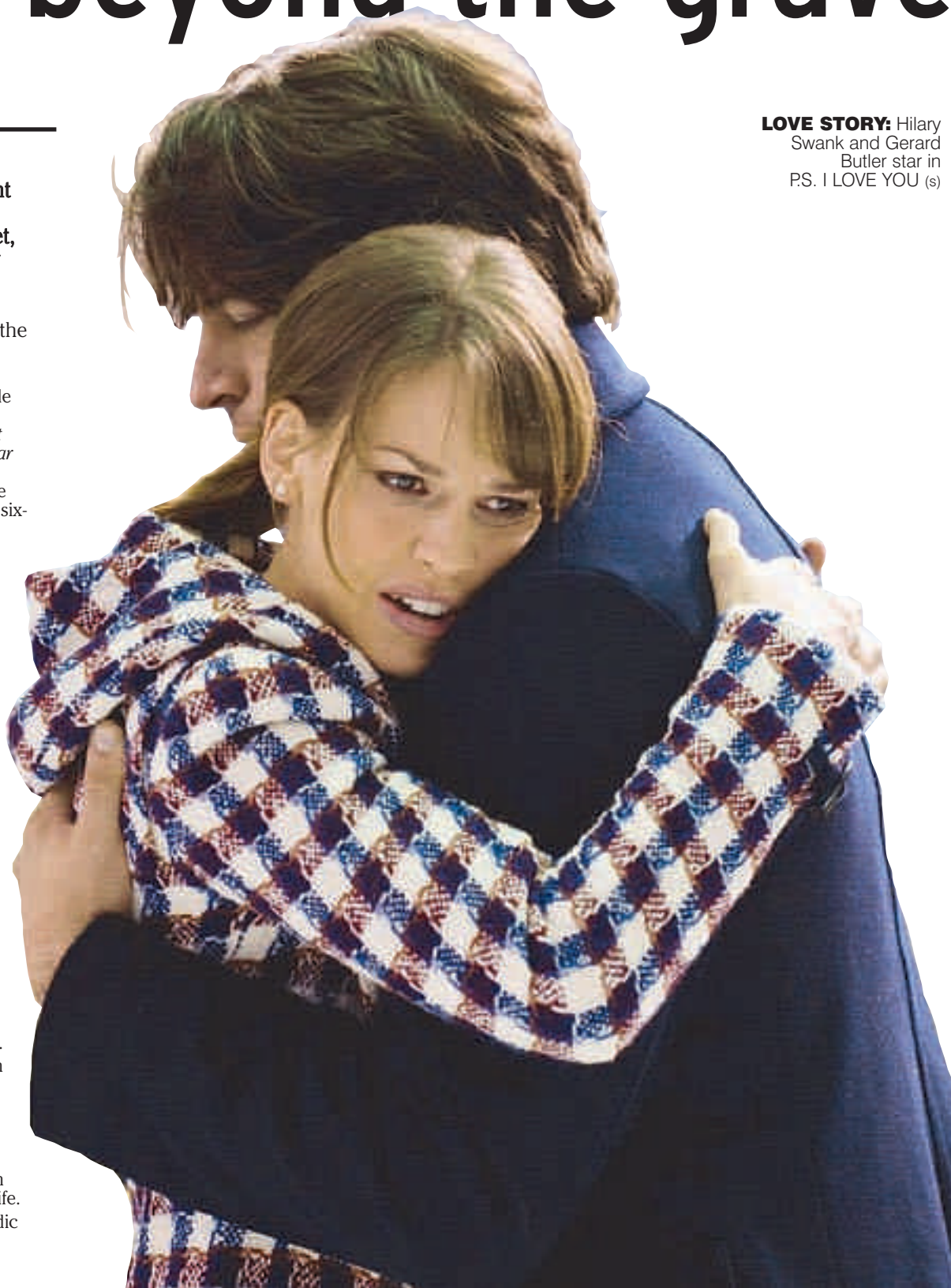
Scientist Robert Neville (Smith) awakens one morning to find 90 per cent of the human race wiped-out and the remaining 10 per cent transformed into freakish flesh-eating night stalkers after a cure for cancer has horrific side-effects.

Neville is immune and decides to use his own genetic make-up to bring his vampiric foes, who are hiding in alleys and using ever more ingenious methods to snare him, back to some semblance of humanity.

And only having a German shepherd dog as company means Neville is lacking human contact and starts cracking up, questioning whether the human race is worth saving at all.

Whereas this should have started discussions on descent-of-man philosophies, questioning the ethics of medicine and altruism, it turns into an action thriller with its Hollywood brow stubbornly stuck in low mode.

Smith is, however, as predictably watchable as ever, but don't expect him to appear in anything with a modicum of intelligence any time soon.



CD reviews by Louise Sassoon, Ben Wilkinson

WU TANG CLAN



8 DIAGRAMS

Wu-Tang Clan (album, Bodog)

Self-proclaimed Clan leader and production maestro RZA may well have lost his mind. In a move sure to polarise fans and group members alike, the long-awaited return of New York's finest rap collective (their first album since 2001) is all skewed psychedelia and wiggled-out hippie-hop on the mother of all comedowns. But while pious hip-hop traditionalists will inevitably frown upon this unexpected about-turn, there can be no argument that this is one of the freshest and most innovative rap albums in years. From the Funkadelic-esque guitar freakout of *Unpredictable* to the soul-jazz/Beatles crossover *The Heart Gently Weeps* via the swaggering *Take It Back*, this may prove to be the last chapter in the Clan's 14-year career, but they're certainly going down fighting.

FUR AND GOLD

Bat For Lashes (album, Parlophone)

Despite it being a debut album, female soloist Natasha Khan,

pictured right, sings and synths her way through all 11 tracks to deliver a CD which would fool even the most avid of music fans into thinking she had been on the scene for years. The poetic lyrics coupled with melodic, vivid synthetics, creates a sombre album reminiscent of some of Portishead's early work. *Bat For Lashes* may not be on par with their genius but give it a few more years and who knows.



DISCO FOUR

Pet Shop Boys (album, Parlophone)

Take a reasonably good song, add some electronic beats and, wherever possible, put in a thumping bass line and volia! Thus is created a sure-fire flop by an unrelentingly '80s band which

also showing

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS. Helium-fuelled family fun as the three chirpy brothers sing their way through a background of turgid human co-stars with all sorts of emotional problems.

ST TRINIAN'S. If ogling semi-clad schoolgirls is your thing then get down to the cinema to catch this naff and outdated British romp. To give an idea of just how far off the mark this pointless cash-in is, self-regarding TV annoyance du jour Russell Brand steps into the Flash Harry role last occupied by British comedy great George Cole. Rubbish and depressing.

ENCHANTED. A fairytale transfers to New York in this well-received children's comedy about Prince Charming and princesses and all that mumbo jumbo, with some particularly effective real life realisations of iconic Disney cartoon characters.

BEE MOVIE. CG animation concerning a bee who befriends humans and tries to stop them using his friends' honey.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS. Awesome adaptation of the first book of Philip Pullman's magical trilogy His Dark Materials, in which a young girl tries to save kidnapped children from a mysterious parallel universe.

FRED CLAUS. Santa's lesser-known brother (Vince Vaughn) tries to make a name for himself in his own right in this better-than-average festive comedy.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM. Dustin Hoffman stars in this seasonal tale of a magical toyshop owner who hands over control of his establishment to his manager, only to find something rather dark brewing.

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3-D. Tim Burton's psychedelic stop-motion tale gets a brilliant digital 3D rebooting. Halloween king Jack Skellington tires of his ghoulish day-in/day-out and decides to move in on Christmas for a change.

THE SIMPSONS MOVIE. Homer has some making up to do after he unleashes a catastrophic environmental disaster on Springfield.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Chasing glory but heading for a fall

SERAPHIM FALLS
(Icon Home Entertainment, 15, retail & rental)

Director and co-writer David Von Ancken clearly set out to craft a gritty Western in the modern vein, all taciturn unreadable men brutalised by each other and the harsh iconic landscapes through which they wander in pursuit of savage blood feuds and redemption.

He almost made it, too – the first 90 minutes of *Seraphim Falls* is a breakneck tale of bloody revenge and a relentless chase through a frozen wilderness, but when it comes to the finale he whips out his narrative six-gun and fires off one blank after another until the hammer's just clicking on air and the final credits roll.

The film opens strongly with Gideon (Pierce Brosnan) stumbling through the snow, hunted by the implacable Carver (Liam Neeson) and his posse of hired guns for a crime which only becomes apparent as the tale unfolds.

Both leads give astonishingly committed performances; Brosnan, in particular, emotes the physical suffering of his character so strongly that you worry for his health as Gideon is variously shot, harried, nearly drowned in a freezing river and plunged into the hostile elements with his life hanging by a thread.

Much of this section of the film is so persuasively occupied by the simple imperative of survival that it can't help but call to mind the writing of Jack London, particularly his harrowing tale of Yukon hardships *To Build A Fire*, when Gideon, hiding up a pine tree, ambushes one of his pursuers and opens his belly just for the brief chance of warming his frostbitten hands within.

There's not much in the way of dialogue in these early sections, but with its icy panoramas and men suffering stoically in them, exposition and over-verbosity would have only detracted from the tone.

The first indication of something adrift in the film's seemingly sure grasp of its narrative can be glimpsed in the way it treats Carver's cohorts, their thinly written roles little more than perfunctory and way too over-reliant on the actors to give them some sort of presence. The excellent gravel-voiced Michael Wincott is particularly wasted in a nothing role, considering how strong he was in a comparable part in Jim Jarmusch's hugely underrated *Dead Man*.

But it's when the two protagonists get to within spitting distance of each other for their final conflict that it all starts to come unravelled. Perhaps Von Ancken and his fellow writer Abby Everett Jacques had some quasi-mystic ending in mind all along, but it feels more as if a third party with a completely different agenda was drafted in to rewrite at the last.

One moment, Carver and Gideon are trekking through a blasted desert, shedding a little more of their humanity and resources with each step, and the next they're meeting up with a clichéd wise Indian camped out in the middle of nowhere for no apparent reason other than to be met by them.

And the less said the better about Angelica Huston's completely random cameo as a travelling



snake oil saleswoman who sets the stage for the climactic showdown. Is she supposed to be the Devil? A roving agent of Fate? Who cares? All that's important is that her brief interjection completely derails the movie and saps any interest in a conclusion which would have felt an unsatisfying cheat in any event.

Star rating: ★★

THE BLACK CAT
(Shameless, 18, retail)

Horror aficionados more familiar with Lucio Fulci's trademark movies such as *Zombie Flesh Eaters*, *The Beyond* and *The New York Ripper* might be mildly surprised by his 1981 venture into Edgar Allan Poe territory.

True, there is a little splash gore here and there, but largely it's an exercise in sustained gothic atmosphere, making the most of its rural English locations to create an aura of rustic unease as loopy clairvoyant Robert Miles (the unique, otherworldly presence of Patrick Magee) engages in some sort of power struggle with his evidently malicious black cat while undertaking experiments at the local graveyard in a bid to contact the dead.

These sequences are eerie indeed, with brooding Magee in his fire-lit study listening to the half-intelligible recordings he's made of voices muttering from the other side.

His relationship with the crafty beast of the title is never satisfactorily explained, although that's a small gripe within a fairly chaotic narrative in which the cat seems to be setting up and conducting a series of murders – or, as the denouement hints, may equally be the agent of Miles' murderous subconscious.

There is, of course, very little of Poe in here beyond the title, the presence of a malign feline and the original story's walled-up climax (the latter of which seems thrown in almost as an afterthought), but there's certainly plenty to enjoy in the film's well-realised ambience and the kind of confrontational Spaghetti western editing/shooting style with lingering huge close-ups of Magee's eyes cut back and forth with those of his four-legged nemesis.

Star rating: ★★★

VENUS IN FURS
(Shameless, 18, retail)

Although fairly racy for 1969, Massimo Dallamano's adaptation of Leopold von Sacher-Masoch's minor erotic classic of self-degrading love is a little lightweight to carry its own reputation.

Régis Vallée plays Severin, a sexual voyager whose childhood peeping instilled in him a taste for voyeurism which is reawakened when he spots Euro sexpot Laura Antonelli writhing about on furs. He falls for her big time but can only get his jollies by watching her from concealment as she generally frolics in soft core abandon and takes a number of lovers at his encouragement, a state of affairs which, not surprisingly, kindles her contempt for him – which he probably enjoys in any event.

An overly languid pace doesn't do the movie many favours and it's every bit as silly as it is titillating. Sacher-Masoch may have been sincere in his passions, but Severin's antics left me wanting to reach into the screen to give him a swift slap and tell him to pull himself together.

Star rating: ★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

and Chris Moss

cannot tear itself away from yesteryear. With its dated electro-disco vibe and more computer-generated beats than you can shake a stick at, this is unlikely to be one that many will be rushing out to buy in the January sales.

TOOTHPASTE KISSES
The Maccabees (single, Fiction)

This bunch of ultra-fashionable posh twits are the most overrated band around. Any lyricist who uses that most clichéd of clichés about “doing things that lovers do” deserves a horrible death. That the promoters think billing the fact it was “featured in the Samsung G800 ad” is going to boost sales says something about the target market.

NOW
Stephen Fretwell (single, Fiction)

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BBC 2



Extreme Pilgrim – Vicar Pete Owen Jones explores three religions

6.00 CBeebies: Tikkabilla (R) 32384 6.30 Teletubbies; (R) Pozzie (R) 60568 7.00 In The Night Garden 87723 7.30 Finley The Fire Engine 7230100 7.40 Toddworld (R) 2981075 8.00 CBBC: Arthur (R) 2829471 8.25 Arthur 4685758 8.35 ChuckleVision (R) 8043758 8.50 The Likeaballs (R) 7586605 9.00 50/50 (R) 86902 9.30 The Basil Brush Show (R) 6816075 9.55 The Cramp Twins (R) 1215723 10.05 Gina's Laughing Gear (R) 4423891 10.35 Even Stevens (R) 4689758 11.00 Meerkat Manor (R) 1338704 11.25 Film: Bigger Than Life (1956). 44957433 1.00 Animal Park (R) 34520 2.00 Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting (R) 8028839 2.45 Escape To The Country (R) 661810 3.45 Flog It! (R) 9131365 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (R) 1100926 5.15 Weakest Link (R) 1350723 6.00 Out-Take TV (R) 181 6.30 Eggheads (R) 433

ITV1



Bike Squad – Maxine Peake and Mark Addy star in the new drama

6.00 GMTV 5756655 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show 7060471 10.30 This Morning 43487 12.30 Loose Women. Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis discusses diet and exercise with Jackie Brambles, Coleen Nolan, Lynda Bellingham and Denise Welch. 11810 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News 32162 2.00 Dickinson's Celebrity Real Deal. Sherrie Hewson sells her grandmother's scent bottle. (R) 49075 2.59 London Weather 2169742 3.00 Midsomer Murders. A Punch and Judy professor disappears. Mystery, starring John Nettles and Daniel Casey. (R) 23723 5.00 Golden Balls. Jasper Carrott hosts the game show based on life-changing amounts of cash hidden inside Golden Balls. 3452 6.00 London Tonight; Weather 907 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather 87

CHANNEL 4



Greatest Comedy Catchphrases – Paul Whitehouse airs his views

6.15 Inuk (R) 5334907 6.30 The Hoobs (R) 7608988 6.55 The Treacle People (R) 1187891 7.05 Film: Strings (2004). Premiere. Puppet fantasy drama, featuring the voice of James McAvoy. 37846471 8.45 T4: Friends (R) 167384 9.15 T4: The Simpsons (R) 164297 9.45 T4: Friends (R) 163568 10.15 T4: Friends (R) 155549 10.45 T4: Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search For The Next Doll (R) 385988 11.45 Film: North (1994). Fantasy adventure, with Elijah Wood. 85445433 1.20 Film: Timeline (2003). Premiere. Sci-fi drama, with Anna Friel. 48817723 3.25 Countdown 3749075 4.10 Deal Or No Deal 8249471 4.55 Come Dine With Me (R) 6526278 5.25 A 100 Grand Place In The Sun 9724075 6.00 The Simpsons (R) 549 6.30 Hollyoaks. Zak goes out of his way to avoid Val. 29

FIVE



NCIS – Gibbs investigates when body of a corporal is discovered

6.00 Milkshake! 9709433 9.00 Film: Meet The Deedles (1998). Family comedy, starring Paul Walker. 64798384 10.45 Nick Baker's Weird Creatures (R) 4965568 11.45 Five News Update 45437487 12.00 Home And Away (R) 6190094 12.30 Cooking The Books (R) 4130075 1.00 Nigel Marven's Venom Hunters (R) 4231758 2.00 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) 80962075 2.10 Film: Face To Kill For (1999). Drama, starring Crystal Bernard. 7621051 4.05 Five News Update 18855687 4.10 Film: Love's Unfolding Dream (2007). Premiere. Drama, starring Scout Taylor-Compton. 28578487 6.00 Home And Away 1435384 6.30 Cooking The Books. Jeremy Edwards hosts the culinary show in which some of Britain's leading chefs offer a masterclass to a mystery celebrity. 1426636

7 PM

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind. John Humphrys quizzes Kaye Adams, Simon Rimmer, Danny Wallace and Nicholas Parsons. Last in series. 9013 7.30 My Family. Ben loses his luggage on a free holiday to Lanzarote – but manages to keep hold of his new digital camera. (R) 425

7.00 Three Men In Another Boat. Part two of two. The trio prepare for the vintage yacht race. Griff looks for inspiration by going aboard Nelson's flagship HMS Victory. Meanwhile, with Rory in a mutinous mood, it looks like only the Rolling Stones can reunite the trio. (R) 7159

7.00 Emmerdale. Jimmy hears news of Kelly's whereabouts which causes him to be distracted when Carrie pledges her love to him. 4181 7.30 Coronation Street. Liam plunges down a deep gorge as he and Maria try to rescue Ozzy from a ledge during a walk through the hills. 471

7.00 Channel 4 News 2723 7.30 First Cut: A Piece Of The Moon. Two film-makers meet Cornish businessman Francis P Williams, who has set up a unique business selling plots of land on the moon for £20 each, and question some of his customers. 623

7.00 Five News The day's headlines, presented by Matt Barbet. 3993094 7.30 Extraordinary Animals. The unique abilities of Rio the sea lion. Reared in captivity at the Marine Mammal Laboratory in California, the animal developed a strong bond with one of the doctors at the institute. 1415520

8 PM

8.00 EastEnders. Phil sets out to find Louise, but Peggy warns him that if they want her back, they're going to have to tread carefully. 5433 8.30 Jam & Jerusalem. Tash is angered Spike has bought a ticket for Glastonbury. Sally Phillips and Sue Johnston star. 4568

8.00 Natural World. New series. Nisar Malik travels to the remote mountains of northern Pakistan to chronicle the life of the wild snow leopard. 351365 8.50 Puffin Island. The mass migration of Atlantic puffins, who congregate annually on Skomer Island, Pembrokeshire, to breed. 288433

8.00 The Funny Side Of The Street. Liz Dawn, Malcolm Hebden, Roy Hudd, Wendi Peters, William Roache and Michael Starke are among the actors and fans recalling more of Coronation Street's funniest moments. Highlights include Norris's efforts as a midwife. Narrated by Matthew Kelly. 6425

8.00 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away. Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman provides help and advice for London couple Paul De'Ath and Raymond Suttle, who are thinking of retiring but can't decide whether to they should move to Cambridgeshire or the Lot-et-Garonne region of France. 8617

8.00 World's Strongest Man. Martin Bayfield presents highlights of the final, where English hopes rest on the broad shoulders of Mark Felix and Terry Hollands. Their task is to defeat reigning champion Mariusz Pudzianowski from claiming his fourth win in the competition. Last in series. 9942162

9 PM

9.00 New Tricks. Sandra takes drastic measures to prevent Jack exacting revenge on the hit-and-run driver who killed his wife. With the team's future under threat, she tries desperately to keep the truth about the incident from shady new recruit DCI Karen Hardwick. Amanda Redman stars. (R) 8471

9.00 Extreme Pilgrim. New series. Sussex vicar Pete Owen Jones sets out to explore the physical elements of three great religions, Zen Buddhism, Hinduism and ascetic Christianity, beginning by visiting the famous Shaolin Temple in China's Henan Province. 6013

9.00 Bike Squad. Comedy drama from Drop the Dead Donkey writer Guy Jenkin, starring Phil Davies as Chief Inspector Albert Custer, the brains behind a new cycle cop scheme, which was supposedly created to help officers build relations with the public and respond quickly to emergencies. 1029

9.00 Greatest Comedy Catchphrases. A rundown of the nation's favourite comedy quips from British and American shows. Featuring contributions by Terry Jones, Catherine Tate, Ardal O'Hanlon, Richard Wilson, Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson. 875384

9.00 NCIS. The team investigate the death of a lance corporal after his body is found in an empty house, and make a startling discovery regarding his personal life. 9962926

10 PM

10.00 BBC News 836075 10.25 Regional News; Weather 353452 10.35 Film: Ladder 49 (2004). Premiere. Joaquin Phoenix stars in this drama, playing a firefighter who looks back over the course of his life while trapped in a burning building. John Travolta co-stars. 33482346

10.00 QI. Stephen Fry quizzes Alan Davies, Peter Serafinowicz, Julia Morris and Rich Hall on subjects as diverse as air-rage and Alans in the mind-boggling quiz show. (R) 24655 10.30 Newsnight Gavin Esler presents a comprehensive round-up of the day's events; Weather 3028452

10.30 ITV News; Weather 768013

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The detectives are concerned to hear that a convict charged with the rape and murder of a prostitute has been paroled, and decide to keep tabs on him. However, their belief that she was acting in self-defence is soon overturned. (R) 9965013

11 PM

12.25 Film: Till Death Us Do Part (1968). Big-screen adaptation of the TV series about the life of working-class East Ender Alf Garnett. Disappointing comedy, starring Warren Mitchell, Dandy Nichols and Una Stubbs; Weatherview 993679 2.10 Sign Zone: Top Gear. David Tennant takes to the track. Last in series. (R) 1016037 3.10 Sign Zone: Three Men In Another Boat. Part two of two. The trio prepare for the vintage yacht race. (R) 7040747 4.10 BBC News 24 136650

11.35 Culture Show Special: Sigur Ros. Verity Sharp meets the Icelandic band and talks to them about their film Heima and their recent album of reworked electric and acoustic tracks Hvarf-Heim. (R) 754655 12.05 Film: In A Lonely Place (1950, b/w). Film noir classic, starring Humphrey Bogart as a bad-tempered screenwriter who becomes chief suspect in the murder of a woman seen leaving his house. With Gloria Grahame. 5634650 1.35 BBC News 24 61793292

11.10 Film: Carlito's Way (1993). Crooked lawyer Sean Penn tries to lead recently released convict Al Pacino back into a life of crime. Excellent thriller, co-starring Penelope Ann Miller. 38906636 1.35 Film: Summer Catch (2001). Premiere. A baseball player is thrilled to land a place on a local team, but ends up battling prejudice. Romantic comedy, starring Freddie Prinze Jnr. 869835 3.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1487834 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 3650292 5.30 ITV Morning News 39872

12.00 Bo' Selecta! Avid Merriion shares celebrity-related gossip. (R) 2687211 12.45 Bo' Selecta! Topical comedy show. (R) 3976853 1.30 Comedy Lab: Blowout Up-and-coming comedy talent in Glasgow. (R) 1737230 1.55 4Music: 4Play: Tom Baxter A selection of the singer's tracks. 8370308 2.05 King Of The Hill 2056476 2.30 Film: The Dish (2000). Comedy drama, starring Sam Neill. 645327 4.05 Goalissimo (R) 2149056 5.00 Racing Rivals (R) 1041230 5.25 Transworld Sport (R) 7140501

11.00 Shock Docs. A distraught mother tries to find out why her babies died after losing three children, and the discovery of a woman's skeleton at the bottom of a lake sparks an investigation when police suspect her death may not have been an accident. (R) 4740487 12.00 Quiz Call. Interactive game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions. 16748563 5.10 Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) 63800259 5.35 Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) 67139259

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6.00 Pop Years 7.00 Futurama 7.30 Futurama 8.00 Malcolm In The Middle 8.30 Malcolm In The Middle 9.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 10.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 11.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 12.00 Futurama 12.30 Futurama 1.00 Malcolm In The Middle 1.30 Malcolm In The Middle 2.00 Inside Britain's Fattest Man 3.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 4.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 5.00 Bones 6.00 Futurama 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 The Simpsons 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 The Simpsons 8.30 Futurama 9.00 The Lost Room 10.50 Ross Kemp On Gangs 11.50 Las Vegas Uncovered 12.50 Las Vegas Uncovered 1.25 America's Dumbest Criminals 1.50 The Villa 2.40 Pop Years 3.30 Naked In Blackpool 4.20 Red Light Girls 5.10 Guilty! BBC3 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.15 Doctor Who 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Little Britain 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Almost Famous 11.30 Family Guy 11.55 Family Guy 12.15 The Most Annoying People Of The Year 2007 2.45 Comedy Shorts: Best Of 2007 3.50 Leave Us Kids Alone 4.50 Close

BBC4

7.00 Sounds Of The 60s 7.10 All About Thunderbirds 8.10 Film: Expresso Bongo (1959). Upbeat musical, starring Cliff Richard. 10.00 Pop Britannia 11.00 Film: The Young Ones (1961). Musical, starring Cliff Richard. 12.45 Still Cliff 1.45 Pop Britannia 2.45 All About Thunderbirds 3.45 Stingray – The Reunion Party 4.15 Close ITV2 9.25 Coronation Street 9.55 Emmerdale 10.25 The Montel Williams Show 11.10 Judge Judy 12.30 Coronation Street 1.00 Emmerdale 1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show 3.40 Ricki Lake 4.25 Sally Jessy Raphael 5.15 Airline 5.45 Judge Judy 7.00 Smallville 8.00 The Kytie Show 9.00 Film: Die Another Day (2002). Adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan. 11.35 Coronation Street 12.05 Ghosthunting With Girls Aloud 2.00 Teleshopping 5.00 ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3 6.00 Ironside 6.50 Our New Life In Everwood 7.35 The Rockford Files 8.35 Upstairs, Downstairs 9.40 Cagney And Lacey 10.40 The Cosby Mysteries 11.40 Quincy ME 12.40 Lovejoy 1.50 Heartbeat 2.50 The Two Ronnies 3.50 Cagney And



Only Fools and Horses, UKTV Gold, 8.50pm

Lacey 4.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 5.55 Heartbeat 7.00 The Two Ronnies 8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 The Dorothy L Sayers Mysteries 10.10 Film: Dr Strangelove – Or How I Learned To Stop Worrying And Love The Bomb (1963). Stanley Kubrick's black comedy. 12.10 Lovejoy 1.20 Quincy ME 2.10 The Rockford Files 3.00 Our New Life In Everwood 3.50 Film File 4.00 Teleshopping ITV4 6.00 Police Patrol 6.20 Film: The Scorpion

King (2002). Sword-and-sorcery adventure. 8.00 Police, Camera, Action! 8.30 Police, Camera, Action! 9.00 Real Crime: The Gang The Kray's Feared 10.00 Film: Essex Boys (2000). Thriller. 12.05 Police, Camera, Action! 12.35 Police, Camera, Action! 1.05 Video Justice 1.35 Video Justice 2.00 American Gothic 3.00 Millennium 3.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping E4 6.00 Ghost Whisperer 6.50 Joan Of Arcadia 7.40 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Launch 9.10 Ugly Betty 10.05 Ghost Whisperer 11.00 Joan Of Arcadia 11.50 Ugly Betty 12.45 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Live 3.50 Friends 4.20 Hollyoaks 4.55 Friends 5.25 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Launch 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 Big Brother's Little Brother 8.00 Friends 8.30 Friends 9.00 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack 10.00 Big Brother's Big Mouth 10.35 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Live MORE4 9.00 Deal Or No Deal 9.45 How Clean Is Your House? 10.15 It's Me Or The Dog 10.45 A Place In The Sun 11.15 Film: Millions Like Us (1943). Good-natured sentimental drama. 1.10 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 ER 3.00 Hill Street Blues 4.00 Location, Location, Location 5.00 Selling Houses

Specials 6.05 Deal Or No Deal 7.00 Grand Designs Abroad 8.00 More4 News 8.30 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart 9.00 Film: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000). Oscar-winning martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat. 11.10 Bodyshock: The Man Who Ate His Liver 12.15 The Sopranos 1.25 Grand Designs Abroad 2.30 Countdown 3.15 Close UKTV GOLD 6.00 Neighbours 6.20 2point4 Children 7.00 Sorry! 7.40 Last Of The Summer Wine 8.20 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Casualty 11.00 Holby City 12.00 Dinnerladies 12.40 My Family 1.20 My Family 2.00 My Family 2.40 Dinnerladies 3.20 Keeping Up Appearances 4.00 My Family 4.40 My Family 5.20 My Family 6.00 The New Adventures Of Old Christine 6.30 The New Adventures Of Old Christine 7.00 Film: Carry On England (1976). Disappointing bawdy comedy set during World War Two, with Kenneth Connor and Windsor Davies. 8.50 Only Fools And Horses 9.55 EuroMillions Draw 10.00 Only Fools And Horses 11.05 The Catherine Tate Show 11.45 Only Fools And Horses 12.50 Only Fools And Horses 1.55 The Catherine Tate Show 2.25 Keeping Up Appearances 2.55 Hamish Macbeth 3.45 The Bill 4.30 Close Up 4.45 Casualty 5.35 Neighbours

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Aries Mar 21-Apr 20
Your travel prospects are bright - whether for business or pleasure. However, don't be in too much of a hurry to get to your destination, better to enjoy the journey and take in the scenery. The realm of ideas can see you sparkle, with particularly good vibes between you and close friends. However, you could find yourself locked in a legal wrangle. Call me now for your in-depth Year 2008 Forecast.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23
The last thing you'd think you'd need to do as a New Year dawns is to be reminded of last year. However, because of Mars' backward drag something that happened in September can once again come to the fore. Someone with a "might is right" attitude may need facing up to, yet a prize you hold dear may be within your grasp. Choose your words carefully. Call now for more news of what the year ahead holds.

Taurus Apr 21-May 21
Your determination to better your lot can be particularly high. Don't take short-cuts though Taurus, for as much as the good life appeals, it'll take tremendous hard work if you want to achieve something that's sustainable. Unscrupulous tactics and people should also be avoided. Romantically? You can connect with someone with very intense eyes. Call now for your Year 2008 Forecast.

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
Money can be a contentious issue for many of us at this time of year but a deeper problem may need resolving. If you've been disappointed by someone's attitudes, as much as their parsimony, that more stubborn and strident side of your nature may need to come out. For example, if there are assets to divvy up, this can see you at loggerheads. Call me now for more exciting 2008 news.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21
Business deals are to the forefront. This can include a property transaction or improvement scheme. If you're seeking bids, get three or four quotes. Don't necessarily go with the cheapest or with who seems the most obliging. Look for those craftspeople who are reliable and trustworthy. Getting the job done well should be your priority. Call me now for your in-depth Year 2008 Forecast.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21
You can be as keen as the most pungent of mustards to change something fundamental. That's fair enough, that's what fresh starts are all about. However, the trick will be to mask your earnestness. For some strange reason, the more you want something the more folk will put obstacles in your way. Yet later this week, communications can improve. Call for more on your destiny in Year 2008.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23
Not everyone you work with is quite as sweet and straightforward as you'd like and a fair amount of office or factory politics can be flying around. However, the New Moon helps you to stay particularly attuned to undercurrents and your natural people skills can see you head off minor grumbles. For anything else, don't be kidded by false charm. Call now for more on 2008.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20
If you need to "get on the case" as far as finances are concerned, Mercury is going to be a big ally this week. This is going to give you just an added edge to your word and mind power and this can help you find some great bargains in the sales, or strike ace deals at work. Creating a new stylish look can also appeal this week. Go on, spoil yourself! Call me now for more news and insights.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23
Someone you've been waiting to hear from can be in touch. The news on a delayed appointment can also come through. If you're determined to stick to those resolutions you made, Mars and Pluto can give you plenty of grit and drive. However, the New Moon can really help you clean up your act. Now it's down to you. Call me now for your in-depth Year 2008 Forecast.

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19
Early year can often see your energy dip. In 2008 however, there are a lot of zesty vibes in order to ward off the January blues. A project that may have trodden water just a bit over the holidays can soon zip back into life and with even more zest. Yet, if you do feel like some time alone, or you feel nostalgic, accept this. You can't always be on the go. Call for you in-depth 2008 predictions.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23
A playful New Moon is going to help you to celebrate the dawning of the first full week of 2008. This can make you impish, but entertaining company. However, with Mars and Pluto in opposition an older face could rewind into your life. This person may have elements of their nature that you find hard to accept. Call now for more prospects for Year 2008.

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20
The New Moon is going to help you to connect your ideas for 2008 with your emotional needs. If you can get these to dovetail neatly, you'll have a wonderful chance of success. If however, you're still not sure, there's nothing wrong with taking some time out until you feel more proactive. Call to hear what 2008 holds in store for you.

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	The One and Only – Graham Norton hosts as tribute artists compete 6.00 Breakfast 4043360 10.00 Saturday Kitchen 91211 11.30 Bill's Food (R) 2834 12.00 BBC News; Weather 7118292 12.10 Football Focus. A preview of the FA Cup third round. 3170414 1.00 World Professional Darts Championship. Live coverage of the first day of the BDO's blue-ribbon event at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, Surrey, including Mark Webster v Ian Jones. 97067360 4.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 7708389 4.30 Final Score 6936105 5.05 Match Of The Day Live: The FA Cup. Aston Villa v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm). Coverage of this evening's match from the third round at Villa Park, as the sides face each other in the competition for the fourth time in seven years. Includes news headlines. 33413872	Timewatch — Viking Voyage – The voyage of a Viking ship 6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 8549259 6.20 Tikkabilla (R) 7225872 6.50 Step Inside (R) 1160124 7.00 CBBC 2271124 12.00 Film: Broken Arrow (1950). Western, starring James Stewart. 86292 1.30 Film 2007 Films Of The Year (R) 32747 2.00 Film: The Victors (1963, b/w). Wartime drama, starring George Peppard. 19316921 4.25 BBC Switch: Falcon Beach 8211698 5.10 BBC Switch: Sound 9716056 5.45 What The Papers Say 523563 5.55 World Professional Darts Championship. Live coverage of the opening day of the BDO's blue-ribbon event, staged at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, where John Walton v Robert Thornton is among the featured matches. Coverage continues on the interactive service. 4009766	When Britain First Had Talent – Amanda Holden presents 6.00 GMTV 5723327 9.25 Crocodile Hunter Diaries (R) 3124312 10.25 Film: Shenandoah (1965). American Civil War drama. 39491150 12.20 Film: The Ladykillers (1955). Ealing black comedy. 379698 2.00 ITV News And Weather 56608476 2.10 London Today; Weather 10952872 2.15 Coronation Street 63558230 4.20 Creature Comforts (R) 4169211 4.30 London Today; Weather 3579056 4.45 ITV News And Weather 3567211 5.00 Film: Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory (1971). Gene Wilder stars in Roald Dahl's story of the eccentric confectionery king who takes a group of youngsters on a tour of his empire. Fabulous musical adventure, with Jack Albertson. 66713834 6.50 New You've Been Framed! Thrill-seekers' reactions to roller-coasters. (R) 381360	Big Fat Quiz of the Year – Jimmy Carr presentsa the quiz show 6.20 Making It (R) 8752785 6.25 The Hoobs (R) 8537414 6.50 The Treacle People (R) 1155292 7.00 Goalissimo (R) 88259 8.00 The Morning Line 5264619 8.50 T4: One Tree Hill 5160582 9.50 T4: Freshly Squeezed 6255211 10.25 T4: Friends (R) 4408582 10.55 T4: Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search For The Next Doll (R) 5794969 11.55 T4: Friends (R) 4432018 12.25 T4: Friends (R) 9768921 1.00 T4: Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search For The Next Doll (R) 56327 2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Sandown Park And Wincanton. Live coverage of this afternoon's six feature races, including the 2.40 Anglo Irish Bank Tolworth Hurdle (2m 1/2f). 6389 4.00 Deal Or No Deal 6719747 4.50 Film: The Pink Panther (1963). Crime comedy, starring Peter Sellers. 75180835	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit – Novak (Diane Neal) targets a judge 6.00 Sunrise 4871414 7.00 Milkshake! 9785853 10.00 Rogue Raiders: Kangaroos (R) 7119018 10.50 Monkey Life (R) 4174921 11.25 Film: Asterix And Obelix: Mission Cleopatra (2002). Adventure, starring Gerard Depardieu. Dubbed in English. 73000940 1.00 Film: Larry (1974). Fact-based drama, starring Frederic Forrest. 57114476 4.30 Film: Corrina, Corrina (1994). Sentimental drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg. 74991747 6.35 Five News And Sport 7942747 6.50 Film: Police Academy (1984). Steve Guttenberg stars in the first of the long-running comedy series about the misadventures of new recruits at a police training college. 41658330
7 PM	7.20 The One And Only. New series. Tribute acts battle it out to win a three-month performing contract in Las Vegas with the renowned Legends in Concert, one of the world's longest-running celebrity impersonator shows. Superfans decide which five boys they want to see in the live rounds. 3461834	7.25 Porridge. Fletch sorts out Godber's love life. (R) 179747 7.55 Timewatch – Viking Voyage. The world's largest reconstructed Viking ship set sail from Denmark to Ireland in July 2007. This film follows its journey and reveals the many challenges faced by the crew. 950143	7.20 When Britain First Had Talent. Amanda Holden looks back at the history of talent shows and interviews some of the well known faces discovered on them, such as Leona Lewis, Paul Potts, Lenny Henry, Victoria Wood and Joe Pasquale. With contributions by Simon Cowell and Piers Morgan. 864414	7.00 Channel 4 News 5178 7.30 1983: The Brink Of Apocalypse. Exploring a sequence of events in November 1983 that nearly unleashed World War Three, when the Soviet Union had convinced themselves they were about to come under attack from the West. 14281	
8 PM	8.25 The National Lottery Draw 554969 8.35 Casualty. Abs manages to gain support for strike action in protest against Charlie's redundancy, but it transpires the union will not back him up. Angered by the decision, he proposes a work-to-rule policy among the nurses, despite Tess's reservations. 156563		8.20 All Star Family Fortunes. Model Nell McAndrew and designer Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen invite their families to face off in a bid to win up to £30,000 for the charity of their choice. Vernon Kay takes charge for the last episode of the series. 357105		8.30 NCIS. Tony goes undercover to help a nervous prisoner escape as part of his plan to recover millions of dollars' worth of stolen Iraqi art. However, it transpires the detainee has a record for murder and the team fight to recover the works and ensure the safety of their colleague. (R) 4881143
9 PM	9.25 The One And Only. In the second of tonight's two audition shows, 15 female hopefuls go all out to prove they have got what it takes to impersonate artists including Diana Ross, Madonna, Kylie, Dusty Springfield and Cher. Graham Norton hosts. 398143	9.25 Have I Got Old News For You. With host Fern Britton. (R) 717853 9.55 Film: The Village (2004). Premiere. The peaceful existence of a 19th-century village is threatened when a truce with creatures in the nearby forest is broken. Atmospheric thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix. 466495	9.05 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Dancing On Ice Special. Olympic Ice Dance champions Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are first up to the hotseat in this themed celebrity special. Also anxious to win big are series one contestant Bonnie Langford and acerbic judge Jason Gardiner. 360360	9.00 Film: Notting Hill (1999). A scatterbrained bookshop owner falls for a multi-millionaire film star in writer Richard Curtis's smash-hit follow-up to Four Weddings and a Funeral. Feelgood romantic comedy, with Emma Chambers, James Dreyfus, Gina McKee and Tim McInnerny. 50355940	9.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part one of two. A shoot-out that leaves four people dead – including one cop. Witnesses claim the victims were unarmed and the police shot them in cold blood. Grissom's team attempt to discover the truth while contending with a media circus. (R) 1863327
10 PM	10.25 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update 111835 10.45 Match Of The Day. Highlights of today's matches in the third round of the FA Cup, Huddersfield Town v Birmingham City at the Galpharm Stadium and Ipswich Town v Portsmouth at Portman Road. 6743872		10.05 Film: Constantine (2005). Premiere. A man cursed with the ability to see the spirits which stalk the Earth finds himself engaged in a battle to save the world from demons. Supernatural thriller, starring Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz and Djimon Hounsou. Continues after ITV News and Weather. 582476		10.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Novak enlists Clark's help to gather enough evidence to prove that a woman has been imprisoned and a child has died because of a judge's bias in two abuse cases. Hard-hitting police drama, starring Diane Neal and Marlo Thomas. 3200105
11 PM	12.05 Film: Tigerland (2000). A group of US Army recruits are put through a gruelling test of their physical and mental stamina to prepare them for the horrors of Vietnam. Gritty drama, starring Colin Farrell. 119896 1.40 Film: The Tomb Of Ligeia (1965). Vincent Price stars as a Victorian widower whose new bride is terrorised by the vengeful spirit of his former wife. Horror, with Elizabeth Shepherd, John Westbrook and Oliver Johnston; Weatherview 8823235 3.05 BBC News 24 45466070	11.35 World Professional Darts Championship. Highlights of the opening day's matches in the BDO's blue-ribbon event at the Lakeside Country Club. 322501 12.25 Darts Extra. A match from day one of the World Professional Darts Championships. 5606877 1.55 Film: The Wogboy (2000). A man is forced to prove his worth after he's 'outed' as a benefits fraudster on national television. Virtually laugh-free Australian comedy, starring Nick Giannopoulos. 8819032	11.05 ITV News; Weather 457211 11.20 Film: Constantine (2005). Concluded. 249834 12.30 Film: Outbreak (1995). Explosive action thriller, starring Dustin Hoffman as an Army colonel racing against time to stop a deadly virus wiping out life on Earth. With Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. 988029 3.00 Film: Once Around (1991). Romantic comedy, starring Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter and Danny Aiello. 653001 4.50 ITV Nightscreen 8730815 5.30 ITV Morning News 28341	11.20 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year. Hosted by Jimmy Carr, with Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand. (R) 98344698 1.30 Comedy Lab: Swizzcall Spoof comedy quiz channel. (R) 73934 2.00 King Of The Hill. Bobby decides to become a pooper scooper. 2024877 2.25 Hitler: The Comedy Years. The comedy inspired by Hitler and the Nazi party. (R) 1098631 3.25 Cutting Edge: Meet The Au Pairs Part one of two. (R) 7022341 4.25 Headland (R) 3910916 5.15 Countdown (R) 4675896	11.25 Criminal Minds. The team face the difficult task of tracking down a serial killer who is torturing and drowning women, and has altered his appearance to evade capture. Thomas Gibson and Mandy Patinkin star. (R) 4061018 12.25 Quiz Call. Interactive game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 27863047 5.10 Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) 63860631 5.35 Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) 67199631

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SKY ONE 6.00 Pop Years 7.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 8.00 Vroom Vroom 9.00 Soccer AM 12.00 Mission Implausible 1.00 Stargate SG-1 2.00 Stargate SG-1 3.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 4.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 5.00 Malcolm In The Middle 5.30 Malcolm In The Middle 6.00 Malcolm In The Middle 6.30 Malcolm In The Middle 7.00 Stargate SG-1 8.00 Stargate SG-1 9.00 Film: Journey To The Center Of The Earth (1999). A party of explorers traverse a mysterious hidden land deep beneath the surface of the Earth. Adventure based on the classic Jules Verne tale, starring Treat Williams. 11.00 Cold Case 12.00 Las Vegas Uncovered 1.00 Las Vegas Uncovered 1.50 Road Wars 2.40 Pop Years 3.30 Vroom Vroom 4.20 Mission Implausible 5.10 Guilty! BBC3 7.00 Sound 7.30 Dog Borstal 8.30 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 9.30 Film: Kill Bill: Vol Two (2004). Revenge thriller, starring Uma Thurman. 11.40 Film: Jackie Brown (1997). Quentin Tarantino's slick drama, starring Pam Grier as a small-time crook whose arrest prompts her to embark on a dangerous scheme. With Robert Forster and Bridget Fonda. 2.05 Sex – With Mum And Dad 3.05 Dog Borstal 4.05 Close BBC4 7.00 The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby 8.00 The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby 9.00 Lead Balloon 9.30 Stingray – The Reunion Party 10.00 Film: The Hidden Blade (2005). Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Masatoshi Nagase and Takako Matsu. 12.10 Pop Britannia 1.10 Vienna: City Of Dreams 2.40 Pop Britannia 3.40 Stingray – The Reunion Party 4.10 Close ITV2 9.25 Smallville 10.25 All Star Family Fortunes 11.15 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Celebrity 12.15 Holiday Airport: Sydney 1.15 Holiday Airport: Sydney 2.20 Film: Thunderbirds (2004). Action adventure, starring Bill Paxton. 4.05 The Planet's Funniest Animals 4.20 Emmerdale 7.05 JK Rowling: A Year In The Life 8.05 The Planet's Funniest Animals 8.20 Film: Liar Liar (1992). Canadian drama, with Vanessa King. 10.00 Film: Mission: Impossible (1996). Top-class action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. 12.05 Film: Out Of Sight (1998) 2.20 Smallville 3.05 Movies Now 3.20 Emmerdale ITV3 6.00 Our New Life In Everwood 6.45 Our New Life In Everwood 7.35 Film File 7.40	 dinnerladies, UKTV Gold, 5.40pm The Rockford Files 8.40 The Rockford Files 9.45 Ironside 10.55 Ironside 11.55 Home To Roost 12.30 Robin Of Sherwood 1.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot 2.40 Cadfael 4.20 Robin Of Sherwood 5.25 Home To Roost 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Prime Suspect V 11.15 Cracker 12.35 Home To Roost 1.05 Cribb 2.30 Our New Life In Everwood 3.15 Our New Life In Everwood 4.00 Teleshopping ITV4 12.30 Film: The Scorpion King (2002).	Adventure. 2.10 Police, Camera, Action! 2.40 World's Craziest Police Chases 3.40 Police Patrol 4.00 The Force 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 Police, Camera, Action! 5.30 Police Patrol 6.00 Police Patrol 6.20 Police Stop! 7.20 World's Craziest Police Chases 8.20 Police, Camera, Action! 8.50 Police, Camera, Action! 9.20 Film: Dr No (1962). Fantastic adventure. 11.30 Police, Camera, Action! 12.00 Police, Camera, Action! 12.30 Police Patrol 1.00 Video Justice 1.30 Video Justice 2.00 Dinner For Five 2.30 Dinner For Five 3.00 Millennium 3.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping E4 6.00 Ghost Whisperer 6.50 Joan Of Arcadia 7.40 Ugly Betty 8.35 Big Brother's Little Brother 9.05 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack 10.05 Ghost Whisperer 10.55 Joan Of Arcadia 11.50 Ugly Betty 12.40 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Live 2.30 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 5.30 Friends 6.00 The Class 6.30 The Class 6.55 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack 8.00 Friends 8.30 Friends 9.00 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack 10.00 Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack Live MORE4 9.00 Junkyard Wars 10.00 3 Minute Wonder: Handsworth Conversations 10.05 3 Minute	Wonder: Handsworth Conversations 10.10 3 Minute Wonder: Handsworth Conversations 10.15 Time Team 11.20 Time Team 12.20 Time Team 1.25 Film: The Thief Of Bagdad (1940). Alexander Korda's bewitching Arabian Nights adventure. 3.25 Grand Designs Abroad 4.30 Grand Designs Abroad 5.35 Grand Designs Abroad 6.45 Grand Designs Abroad 7.50 Grand Designs Abroad 9.00 The West Wing 10.00 The Trial Of Tony Blair 11.30 The Closer 12.30 The Closer 1.30 Grand Designs Abroad 2.35 Deal Or No Deal 3.15 Close UKTV GOLD 6.00 Dallas 7.00 Yes, Prime Minister 7.40 Yes, Prime Minister 8.20 Sorry! 9.00 Keeping Up Appearances 9.40 My Hero 10.20 My Hero 11.00 Doctor Who 12.00 Doctor Who 1.00 Dinnerladies 1.40 My Family 2.20 My Hero 3.00 My Hero 3.40 Doctor Who 4.40 Doctor Who 5.40 Dinnerladies 6.20 My Family 7.00 Film: While You Were Sleeping (1995). Diverting comedy. 9.00 The Royle Family 9.40 The Royle Family 10.20 The Royle Family 11.00 The Royle Family 11.40 The Royle Family 12.20 The Royle Family 1.00 The Royle Family 1.40 The Royle Family 2.15 Film: El Mariachi (1992) 3.40 Keeping Up Appearances 4.10 Dallas 5.00 Yes, Prime Minister 5.30 Yes, Prime Minister
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Sunday, January 6

BBC 1



Damages – New American drama series, starring Glenn Close

6.00 Breakfast 16787631 **7.40** Match Of The Day 8491709 **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show 12780 **10.00** The Big Questions 80070 **11.00** Countryfile 77506 **12.00** BBC News 6974051 **12.05** Cash In The Attic (R) 6579362 **12.50** Keeping Up Appearances (R) 9730148 **1.50** Match Of The Day Live: The FA Cup. Burnley v Arsenal (Kick-off 2.00pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third-round fixture at Turf Moor. 53158322 **4.00** Diagnosis Murder (R) 8261693 **4.45** Songs Of Praise 2809896 **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather 1139902 **5.45** Match Of The Day Live: The FA Cup. Stoke City v Newcastle United (Kick-off 6.00pm). Coverage of the final match of the weekend from the third round, as the Potters aim to cause an upset at the Britannia Stadium. 30048525

BBC 2



Timewatch – Bloody Omaha – The true story of the D-Day landing

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 8509631 **6.20** Tikkabilla (R) 7292544 **6.50** Step Inside (R) 1137896 **7.00** CBBC: Jakers! (R) 3142254 **7.20** BB3B (R) 7920186 **7.45** The Secret Show; (R) The Secret Show (R) 7610099 **8.10** Thumb Wrestling Federation: TWF 9958186 **8.15** Skunk Fu! (R) 4793506 **8.30** Raven (R) 21728 **9.00** Hider In The House 10322 **10.00** Something For The Weekend (R) 58761 **11.30** Animal Park (R) 1099 **12.00** EastEnders 584902 **3.00** World Professional Darts Championship. Martin Atkins v Andy Boulton. 92586612 **4.45** Puffin Island (R) 2378902 **4.55** Natural World (R) 1147457 **5.45** World Professional Darts Championship. Live coverage of this evening's first-round matches on day two at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green. 1014341

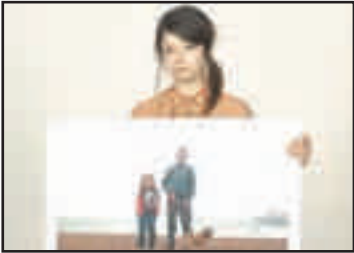
ITV1



Foyle's War – New series. A young RAF man is found hanged

6.00 GMTV 5790099 **9.25** CITV: Jim Jam & Sunny 1683380 **9.40** Paz (R) 1258438 **9.50** Jim Jam & Sunny 1226612 **10.05** Film: Big Fat Liar (2002). Premiere. Comedy, starring Frankie Muniz. 90176457 **11.40** ITV News And Weather 1343490 **11.50** London Today; Weather 3570728 **11.55** Film: Evil Under The Sun (1982). Mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. 44202273 **2.00** Film: The Mirror Crack'd (1980). Agatha Christie mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. 2070 **4.00** After Thomas. Fact-based drama. A couple's attempt to give their autistic son a normal life. (R) 1308 **6.00** London Tonight; Weather 456825 **6.15** ITV News And Weather 517380 **6.30** The Funny Side Of The Farm. Emmerdale's funniest moments. Narrated by Matthew Kelly. 62506

CHANNEL 4



Picture This – New series. Digital photography competition

6.00 The Hoobs (R) 8585051 **6.25** The Hoobs (R) 8504186 **6.50** The Treacle People (R) 1122964 **7.00** Transworld Sport 8342709 **7.55** World Cup Skiing 2846544 **8.55** T4: The OC. Ryan and Marissa struggle with their feelings. (R) 5136525 **9.55** T4: Hollyoaks 21038877 **12.25** T4: Friends (R) 9735693 **1.00** T4: Friends (R) 4957709 **1.35** T4: Smallville. New series. Clark is thrown into a Kryptonian prison. 4966457 **2.35** T4: Smallville 9018964 **3.35** T4: The Simpsons (R) 8210148 **4.10** T4: The Simpsons 6112457 **4.45** Britain's Worst Weather (R) 920322 **5.45** Time Team. New series. Tony Robinson and the team dig beneath Codnor Castle in Derbyshire, former home to the illustrious De Grey family, who fought in almost every important medieval battle. 926506 **6.45** Channel 4 News 882780

FIVE



Hannah Montana – The singer takes part in a Pop Idol-style show

6.00 Milkshake! 1763970 **10.00** Hannah Montana 4271544 **10.30** Hannah Montana 6143186 **11.00** Rogue Raiders (R) 7732803 **11.55** Monkey Life (R) 43404254 **12.25** Film: MVP2: Most Vertical Primate (2001). Premiere. Comedy sequel, starring Richard Karn. 1234457 **2.05** Film: Battle Of The Bulge (1965). World War Two adventure, starring Robert Shaw as a German tank commander who leads an attack against the Allies in a last-ditch attempt to turn the tide of the conflict. With Henry Fonda. 92888964 **4.50** Film: Getting Even With Dad (1994). A spoilt child goes to live with his father, only to discover dad's actually a crook planning his latest robbery. Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. 15991506 **6.50** Five News And Sport 3405612

7 PM

7.00 **Coast: The Journey Continues.** Part one of two. Neil Oliver revisits a few of the defining moments of the past two series, travelling along the south coast, around the Cornish peninsula and on to Northern Ireland via Dublin, to re-experiencing some of the most beautiful sights from earlier tours. (R) 7761

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Terrified Maria races to find help for Liam and eventually finds her way back to the hotel. Fiz decides to end her relationship with John after the pair share a kiss, and Michelle realises that Ryan is growing suspicious about the stalker and pretends the police have caught him. 631

7.00 **Picture This.** New series. Six photographers compete for a publishing contract. Each week, they must complete a series of assignments designed to test their abilities across the various photographic disciplines beginning with the art of portraiture. 2457

7.00 **Film: Man Of The House (2005).** Premiere. A tough lawman is sent to protect a squad of perky cheerleaders after they witness a murder – but the assignment proves more complicated than anticipated. Mediocre comedy, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Archer and Christina Milian. 4682419

8 PM

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Michael Aspel and the team brave the Scottish weather in a visit to the Queen Mother's former residence. They value a host of local curiosities including a buoy made using dog skin from the Orkney Islands and a collection of regency clothing fit for a Jane Austen period drama. 5167

8.00 **The Best Of Top Gear.** The team take a look back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models, the most desirable classics and the craziest stunts. Plus, the best – and worst – of Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. 3709

8.00 **Heartbeat.** When Lesley Ashton (former Emmerdale actress Emma Atkins) arrives in Aidsensfield looking for Don, it's quickly clear that he is less than happy to see her, but despite his cool welcome she seems determined to make a new life for herself in the village. Dominic Jephcott guest stars. 8885

8.00 **Half Ton Mum.** Documentary following the world's heaviest woman, 64-stone Renee Williams. She's afraid without the operation, she won't live to see her two young daughters grow up and hopes her example will inspire other obese Americans to take action – currently. (R) 8877

9 PM

9.00 **Sense And Sensibility.** Colonel Brandon is called away on urgent business, leaving Marianne free to fall blissfully in love with Willoughby – until he too suddenly leaves for London. Meanwhile, Elinor has a disappointing meeting with Edward, but the reasons for his distant behaviour become clear. 8631

9.00 **Richard Hammond On Bloody Omaha: Timewatch.** Richard Hammond tells the true story of the D-Day landing at Omaha beach, Normandy in June 1944. Widely regarded as a great success, the landing was very nearly a disaster, with up to 4,000 Allied soldiers perishing within hours. 6273

9.00 **Foyle's War.** New series of the wartime crime drama, starring Michael Kitchen. When a young RAF man is found hanged in a wood, Meredith – the new DCI at Hastings. The newly retired Foyle is compelled to return to service when events take an even more unexpected turn. Guest starring Nicholas Day. 3322

9.00 **Film: Gladiator (2000).** Oscar-winning epic in ancient Rome, starring Russell Crowe as a gladiator determined to exact revenge on the emperor responsible for the death of his wife and child. Joaquin Phoenix plays the twisted villain, with support from Derek Jacobi and Connie Nielsen. 28150693

9.00 **Film: The Family Man (2000).** Successful businessman Nicolas Cage is magically given the opportunity to find out what his life would have been like if he hadn't walked out on his loving girlfriend. Drama in the It's a Wonderful Life vein, but not nearly as charming. Also starring Tea Leoni. 60969254

10 PM

10.00 **BBC News; Weather** 104235 **10.20** **Damages.** New American drama series set in the world of high-stakes litigation in New York. An ambitious graduate joins a high-profile courtroom lawyer to expose a billionaire's stock market manipulation. 722273

10.00 **Film: Sin City (2005).** Premiere. A collection of stories are woven together in this stylish crime thriller following a collection of intertwined stories, including that of a soft-hearted thug out to avenge the murder of a prostitute. Mickey Rourke and Bruce Willis star. 950525

11.00 **ITV News And Weather; Weather** 859761 **11.10** **Kevin Spacey At The Old Vic: The South Bank Show** 393070 **12.10** **Film: The Life Of David Gale (2003).** Premiere. Alan Parker's drama, starring Kevin Spacey as an anti-death penalty activist convicted of murder and sentenced to die by lethal injection. With Kate Winslet. 71415007 **2.25** **Forever.** (R) 6700842 **3.20** **Karen Sisco** (R) 1941378 **4.05** **People's Court** (R) 2185858 **5.00** **ITV Nightscreen.** 75991 **5.30** **ITV Morning News** 69484

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11 PM

11.15 **Film: Kate & Leopold (2001).** Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Jackman; Weatherview 758254 **1.10** **Sign Zone: Clash Of Worlds.** New series. The relationship between Britain and the Islamic world. (R) 7532084 **2.10** **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Connie returns to restore order – but only succeeds in upsetting people. (R) 1970281 **3.10** **Sign Zone: Animal Park: Wild On The West Coast.** The stories behind Californian marine animals. (R) 7904991 **4.10** **Sign Zone: Heir Hunters.** (R) 2136755 **4.55** **BBC News 24** 2101736

11.55 **Best Of The Graham Norton Show.** Highlights from the first two seasons of the comedy chat show. (R) 937148 **12.25** **World Professional Darts Championship.** Highlights from the second day of the BDO's blue-ribbon event at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, Surrey. 4946620 **1.15** **Film: Primal Force (1999).** A team leap into action to save plane crash victims stranded on an island populated by mutant baboons. Dismal adventure, starring Ron Perlman. 347736 **2.45** **BBC News 24** 25597945

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8.00 Hour Of Power **7.00** Little Monsters
8.00 America's Dumbest Criminals **8.30** America's Dumbest Criminals **9.00** Brainiac's Test Tube Baby **10.00** Buffy The Vampire Slayer **11.00** WWE: Experience **12.00** Robot Wars Extreme **1.00** Project Runway **2.00** Project Runway **3.00** Max Magic **4.00** Malcolm In The Middle **4.30** Malcolm In The Middle **5.00** Malcolm In The Middle **5.30** Malcolm In The Middle **6.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **7.00** The Simpsons **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Brainiac: Science Abuse **9.00** Film: Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde (2007). Premiere. Horror, with Krista Bridges and Tom Skerritt. **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Australia Uncovered **1.00** Australia Uncovered **1.50** Death By Excess **2.40** Buffy The Vampire Slayer **3.30** Limo Fever **4.20** Little Monsters **5.10** Guilty!
BBC3
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle Of Life (2003). Adventure sequel, starring Angelina Jolie. **9.50** Sex – With Mum And Dad **10.50** Family Guy **11.10** Family Guy **11.30** The Most Annoying People Of The Year 2007 **2.00** Sex – With Mum And Dad **3.00** Doctor Who Confidential

3.15 Fat Men Can't Hunt **4.15** Close
BBC4
7.00 Doctors To Be: Twenty Years On **7.30** Proms On Four **10.00** Earth: The Power Of The Planet **11.00** Dance Britannia **12.00** Dance Britannia **1.00** Doctors To Be: Twenty Years On **1.30** Proms On Four **4.00** Close
ITV2
9.25 Emmerdale **12.20** Film: Thunderbirds (2004). Action adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **2.00** Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Dancing On Ice Special **3.10** All Star Family Fortunes **4.00** Countdown To Midnight: Take That And Guests Live At The 02 Arena **5.30** The Planet's Funniest Animals **6.00** Film: Liar Liar (1992). Canadian drama, with Vanessa King. **7.30** The Planet's Funniest Animals **8.00** Film: Mission: Impossible (1996). Top-class action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **10.10** Coronation Street **10.40** Film: Dead Presidents (1995). Powerful thriller, starring Larenz Tate. **1.05** Film: Empire (2002) **3.00** Teleshopping **5.30** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
6.00 The Rockford Files **6.50** The Rockford Files **7.50** Ironside **8.50** Upstairs, Downstairs **9.55** Upstairs, Downstairs **11.05** Carry On Laughing **11.35** Carry On Laughing **12.10**



Cold Case, Sky One, 11pm

Jeeves And Wooster **1.20** Inspector Morse **3.20** Film: Roman Holiday (1953). Comedy. **5.45** Robin Of Sherwood **6.50** Carry On Laughing **7.20** Carry On Laughing **7.55** Jeeves And Wooster **9.00** Film: The Haunted (1991). Thriller. **11.30** Hammer House Of Horror **12.40** Tales Of The Unexpected **1.15** Tales Of The Unexpected **1.40** Film: The Haunted (1991) **3.30** Film File **3.40** Emmerdale
ITV4
12.30 Police Patrol **12.50** Police Stop!

Footage of real-life pursuits. **1.50** True Bond. The inspiration behind the Bond stories. **2.50** The Sweeney **3.50** Film: Dr No (1962). Fantastic adventure. **6.00** Police, Camera, Action! **6.30** Police, Camera, Action! **7.00** UFO **8.00** Jericho **9.00** Film: The Fourth Protocol (1986). Uninvolving spy thriller. **11.20** Film: Knock Off (1998). Action thriller. **1.05** Video Justice **1.30** Video Justice **2.00** Dinner For Five **2.35** Dinner For Five **3.05** Space 1999 **4.00** Teleshopping
E4
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MORE4
9.00 A Place In The Sun **9.30** 3 Minute Wonder: Handsworth Conversations **9.35** Scrapheap Challenge **10.35** Scrapheap Challenge **11.35** Scrapheap Challenge **12.40** Scrapheap Challenge **1.45** Location, Location, Location **2.20** Location, Location,

Location **2.55** Location, Location, Location **3.30** Location, Location, Location **4.00** Come Dine With Me **4.35** Come Dine With Me **5.05** Come Dine With Me **5.40** Come Dine With Me **6.15** Come Dine With Me **6.45** Jamie At Home **7.20** The Wild Gourmets **7.55** Born Survivor: Bear Grylls **9.00** The Secret Millionaire **10.00** Bodyshock: Half Ton Man **11.05** Father Ted **11.40** Father Ted **12.15** Curb Your Enthusiasm **12.50** The IT Crowd **1.20** Bodyshock: Half Ton Man **2.20** Father Ted **2.50** Father Ted **3.20** Close
UKTV GOLD
6.00 Alistair McGowan's Big Impression **6.25** Dallas **7.25** Yes, Prime Minister **8.05** Yes, Prime Minister **8.45** Sorry! **9.25** My Hero **10.05** My Hero **10.45** The Thin Blue Line **11.25** Porridge **12.05** Only Fools And Horses **12.45** Only Fools And Horses **1.25** Only Fools And Horses **3.00** Film: While You Were Sleeping (1995). Diverting comedy. **5.00** Blackadder II **5.40** The Thin Blue Line **6.20** Porridge **7.00** Only Fools And Horses **7.40** Only Fools And Horses **8.20** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.00** The Royle Family: The Queen Of Sheba **10.15** The Vicar Of Dibley **10.55** Film: El Mariachi (1992). Iconic adventure. **12.25** The Royle Family: The Queen Of Sheba **1.40** My Hero **2.15** My Hero **2.45** Alistair McGowan's Big Impression **3.10** Dallas **4.05** Yes, Prime Minister **4.35** Yes, Prime Minister **5.05** Sorry! **5.35** Neighbours

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EFFECT OF THE ORDER: To temporarily close that length of Mulberry Green, in the Parish of Old Harlow in the District of Harlow from its junction with Old Road eastwards for a distance of 100 metres.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 14 January 2008 for three weeks or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst works to accommodate water mains diversion is undertaken.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic will be via Old Road, Cambridge Roads, Station Road, London Road, Gilden Way and Mulberry Green.

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ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to & incl Tues Jan 1	P	W	D	L	Pt
Enfield 1893	16	13	3	0	42
Barkingside	14	12	0	2	36
Barking	16	11	2	3	35
Burnham Ramblers	17	10	3	4	33
Concord Rangers	15	10	1	4	31
Bowers & Pitsea	15	9	1	5	28
Southend Manor	15	8	2	5	26
Eton Manor	13	7	2	4	23
Romford	12	7	2	3	23
Clapton	15	6	5	4	23
Stansted	17	5	3	9	18
Hullbridge Sports	15	3	5	7	14
Beaumont Athletic	17	3	2	12	11
Sawbridg'worth Tn.	16	3	1	12	10
Mauritius Sp & P	18	2	3	13	9
Basildon Utd	17	1	3	13	6
London APSA	14	1	2	11	5

HARLOW STAR YOUTH COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to & including Sun Dec 15

Under 9s	P	W	D	L	Pt
Langley Clts Stallions	12	11	0	1	33
Epping Youth	11	10	0	1	30
Mark Hall Yth	12	10	0	2	30
Langley Clts Trojans	12	8	1	3	25
Langley Clts Mustang	11	6	0	5	18
Waltham Abbey	11	5	1	5	16
Risden Wood	11	5	0	6	15
Harlow Tn Reds	11	4	1	6	13
Harlow Town Whites	12	3	0	9	9
Elsenham Youth	12	2	2	8	8
Saturn	12	1	2	9	5
Stansted Juniors	11	0	1	10	1

Under 10s - Gold Division	P	W	D	L	Pt
Abbey Youth	8	6	1	1	19
Langley Clts Mustangs	6	5	1	0	16
Mark Hall Youth	7	5	0	2	15
Bishop's Stortford Tn	4	3	0	1	9
Epping Youth A	6	3	0	3	9
Epping Youth B	7	1	1	5	4
Risden Wood	6	0	1	5	1
B Stortford Athletic	6	0	0	6	0

Under 10s - Silver Division	P	W	D	L	Pt
Harlow Town Whites	7	6	0	1	19
Waltham Abbey	7	5	1	1	16
Harlow Town Red	8	5	0	3	15
Langley Clts Stallions	5	4	0	1	12
Harlow Town Colts	7	3	0	4	9
FC Parndon	6	2	1	3	7
Kiln Rangers	7	2	1	4	7
B Stortford Colts	5	1	0	4	3
Epping Youth C	8	0	0	8	0

Under 11s	P	W	D	L	Pt
Langley Clts Stallions	10	9	0	1	27
Epping Youth	11	8	1	2	25
Harlow Town Colts	11	8	0	3	24
Ware FC	8	7	0	1	21
Saturn	10	6	0	4	18
Waltham Abbey	9	4	1	4	13
Langley Clts Trojans	10	4	1	5	13
Apex Youth	10	4	1	5	13
Harlow Town Red	10	2	0	8	6
Mark Hall Youth	11	2	0	9	6
Risden Wood	12	0	0	12	0

Under 12s	P	W	D	L	Pt
Mark Hall Youth	11	9	1	1	28
Langley Clts Trojans	10	8	1	1	25
Saturn	12	7	1	4	22
Marquis Sports	11	6	3	2	21
Epping Youth	9	6	0	3	18
Langley Clts Mustangs	9	5	2	2	17
Waltham Abbey	10	2	1	7	7
Harlow Town	10	1	1	8	4
Connaught Rangers	9	0	0	9	0
Bishop's Stortford	7	0	0	7	0

Secretary Cup - Group A	P	W	D	L	Pt
Mark Hall Youth	3	3	0	0	9
Epping Youth A	3	2	0	1	6
Harlow Town Whites	3	1	0	2	3
Epping Youth C	3	0	0	3	0

Secretary Cup - Group B	P	W	D	L	Pt
Langley Clts Stallions	3	2	1	0	7
Harlow Town Red	3	2	1	0	7
B Stortford Athletic	3	0	1	2	1
Risden Wood	3	0	1	2	1

Secretary Cup - Group C	P	W	D	L	Pt
Abbey Youth	3	3	0	0	9
Langley Clts Mustangs	3	2	0	1	6
Epping Youth B	3	1	0	2	3
B Stortford Colts	3	0	0	3	0

Secretary Cup - Group D	P	W	D	L	Pt
B Stortford Town	3	2	0	1	6
Waltham Abbey	3	2	0	1	6
Kiln Rangers	4	2	0	2	6
FC Parndon	3	1	0	2	3
Harlow Town Colts	3	1	0	2	3

HARLOW & DISTRICT PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE

Up to & including Tue Jan 1

	P	W	D	L	Pt
GPCA Servopoint.....	17	13	3	1	98
White Admiral.....	15	12	3	0	90
United Glass Rangers.....	16	7	5	4	75
Moot House Arrows.....	16	9	3	4	72
CC Foxes.....	15	8	2	5	66
Moot House Drifters.....	16	7	3	6	66
United Glass A.....	15	5	2	8	55
Council Whites.....	15	3	4	8	53
Colt Hatch SC.....	15	4	2	9	51
Parndon Wanderers.....	16	0	1	15	23
Council Club.....	10	1	0	9	15

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5	1	8	7	8	2	4	3	9
4	9	3	6	5	1	8	2	7
8	6	1	9	4	5	3	7	2
9	3	5	2	7	6	1	8	4
7	2	4	8	1	3	6	9	5

Sting in the Tail as Hawks lose to late goal

Billericay Tn 2, Harlow Tn 1
(Ryman League, premier division)

IT was a 150th appearance to forget for Hawks wing-back Mark Taylor – who was sent off for a shocking foul five minutes from the end of his side's defeat at Billericay Town on Boxing Day.

To add insult to injury, the hosts grabbed a 92nd-minute winner through Rikki Burbridge to deny Harlow Town a deserved point.

Referee Andy Parker issued Taylor with a straight red card five minutes from time for chopping down Lee Hodges, but the mischievous Billericay substitute escaped unpunished barely a minute later after an incident with Harlow midfielder Leon Lalite.

Kirby told *Star Sport*: "We got our noses in front and it was very important not to concede a goal.

"Then Mark [Taylor] got sent off stupidly. The referee had already given him a warning. But it wasn't losing a man that lost us the game, it was our own naivety."

The Hawks were lucky not to fall behind when livewire Bradley Woods-Garness beat James Hasell but hit the stanchion on eight minutes.



RED MIST: Hawks wing-back Mark Taylor

Scott Curley's dipping volley went close on 10 minutes, after Taylor's free-kick was only half cleared by the defence.

But it was Curley who put the next chance away. Dean Williams cleverly jumped over Kenny Davis' deflected cross from deep on the right, allowing the ball to find Curley on

the edge of the box, and he drove low past keeper Ronnie Worster for his first Harlow goal on 12 minutes.

A great strike from former Billericay player Danny Hill appeared to force a good tip over from Worster on 24 minutes gone, but the referee awarded a goal kick.

Hasell made a great stop to deny Woods-Garness at the other end.

Billericay looked a different side after the break, and immediately pushed for an equaliser.

They found it only two minutes into the half, when skipper Jamie Dormer netted from a similar position to Curley in the first half after Ryan Kirby deflected Woods-Garness' cross into his path.

Neil Marron's header made Hasell tip superbly over the bar close to the hour.

Billericay's Michael Alaire hit a post from Dave McSweeney's 65th-minute cross, while Dormer's low shot was well held by Hasell.

Taylor fed substitute Jordan Fowler – returning after a three-match ban – in the box on 85 minutes, and the Harlow substitute took a tumble under pressure from Alaire, but Parker rejected Hawks' penalty appeals.

Seconds later, Taylor was sent off.

Harlow ploughed through the last five minutes with 10 men, but Billericay stole the three points in the second minute of stoppage time, when Burbridge beat Hasell with a glancing header from substitute Jordan Collins' cross.

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis, Taylor (sent off 85), Hollenbach, Kirby, Miles, Lalite, Hill (Fowler 62), Bunn, Curley (Lee 52), Williams (Green 70). Subs not used: S. Gliddon, Akers.

Boxing Day blues for Robins boss

IT may be the season of goodwill but Richard Branchflower felt no friendship towards the officials after seeing Sawbridgeworth Town lose to league leaders Enfield 1893.

The Robins boss claimed that the referee and his two assistants were at fault for all three goals at Wodson Park on Boxing Day.

Enfield went ahead after only a minute when a free-kick came in from the left and was scrambled in by Chris Green. The free-kick was awarded after Danny Hudson committed a foul but Branchflower bemoaned: "It was a good tackle."

The hosts' other goals came on 35 and 65 minutes.

Dangerous striker Sherwine Stanley was set free from a flick on and rounded Sawbridgeworth keeper Michael Burrell to score.

Moments later, a corner resulted in Wesley Borghys shooting home after the visitors were unable to clear.

Branchflower added: "We were in line for the second goal and Sherwine Stanley was a yard in front of our back four when the ball was played.

Enfield 1893 3, Sawbridgeworth Tn 0
(Essex Senior League)

"The third goal came after the lineman had awarded a goal kick but this was over-ruled by the ref who was 40 yards away."

A Hudson shot was well saved by the Enfield keeper on 20 minutes.

Other goalmouth action saw Burrell come out well to deny Stanley on 30 minutes.

The alert custodian denied Enfield again on the hour mark, while Ashley Conlan fired just wide of the Enfield goal on 80 and 85 minutes.

Branchflower added: "I am not saying we would have won the game but they are top of the league. I could not fault the lads for their effort. We really got stuck in and rose to the occasion.

"The ref did not want the game on but the pitch was perfectly playable."

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Burrell, Bulled, Crook, Sontag, Day, Hudson, Smith (Childs 85), Conlan, Hughes, Ellice, Simmonds (Coggin 86).

Derby beckons after Plate win

HARLOW Colts will face a test of their credentials when they play close rivals Bishop's Stortford in the third round of the English National Colts Plate (London section) at Silver Leys on January 13.

The Rams overturned a nine-points deficit when they triumphed 20-17 at Old Fullarians in the last round.

Fullerians, who included several county players and Saracens Academy starlets, went ahead after only two minutes when the ball was spun out from a scrumage and an unconverted try was scored.

Barney Goodey then struck a penalty for the Essex side before Fullerians scored a second try which was converted for 12-3.

However, Harlow bounced back as Aled Hill followed a kick ahead by skipper Charlie Woodington and won the ball before passing to Woodington to score.

Goodey converted but the hosts replied with a try in the corner to go 17-10 ahead.

Harlow drew level on 45 minutes when Gavin Dagleish peeled off from a rolling maul to score. Goodey converted.

The winning score came on the hour mark.

Goodey kicked a penalty moved forward 10m for indiscipline.

Late pressure was resisted as Hills and Woodington made a try-saving tackle.

HARLOW COLTS: Mahmood, Davies, Carter, Dagleish, Ansell, Ashcroft, King, Elston, Woodington, Hills, Adams, Bowering, Perry, Hynes, Goodey, Ellis, Mortimer, Treves, Cunningham, Ford (squad).

SPORTS FIXTURES

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

Football

Ryman League prem div: AFC Hornchurch v Harlow Tn.

Essex Senior Football League Cup quarter-final 2nd leg: Barking v Sawbridgeworth Tn.

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Snr div one: Roydon v Ryan FC.

Senior Div Cup, 2nd rnd: Shell Club Corringham v Potter Street.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League prem div: Alemite Ath v Quendon Ath, Old Street v Hatfield Heath, Potter Street res v Debden res, White Roding v North Weald.

Div one: Avondale Rangers v Heath Rovers, Dunmow Rhodes v Potter Street A, Thorley Park v Thaxted Rangers res, Salvation Army v Frontiers.

Prem Div Cup, 2nd rnd: Birchanger v Loughton, Sheering v Pelly House.

Div One Cup, 2nd rnd: Hatfield Heath res v North Weald res, Langley Rangers v Albury, Lower Street v Sheering res.

Rugby

London div three north east: Chelmsford v Harlow.

Essex div one: Upper Clapton v East London.

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

Football

Harlow & District League, prem div: Parndon Royals v Rouge Lyon.

Div one: Unique v Risden Wd res, Altham Grove v Maypole Ath res.

Div two: A and A v Rhyno Ath, Barnes Ath v Eastwick Lions, Galaxy v Marquis Sports res.

Div three: UG Utd res v Maypole Sports, Matching Utd v Latton Orient.

Div four: Broadley Common v Ashfield Albion.

Div five: Stewards Spartans v Matching Utd, Archers Dart v Epping Ath.

Prem Cup semi-final: Marquis Sports v Gt Parndon CA.

Div One Cup semi-finals: Gt Parndon CA res v Harberts, Lindsey Street v Pollard.

Div Two Cup semi-finals: FC Parkside v Pools Ath, Rouge Lyon res v Atletico UG.

Div Three Cup semi-finals: Maiden v Risden Wood A, Brookside Ath v St Germaine.

Div Four Cup semi-finals: Abbey Albion v FC Flare, FC Clark v Sewardstone Rovers.

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Robins are routed

THE Robins' defensive frailties were exposed in the second half as they slumped to a heavy away defeat against Eton Manor.

Sawbridgeworth Town held their own in the first period and were drawing 1-1 at half-time at Chadfields on Saturday.

The visitors went ahead on 10 minutes.

Paul Baker's quickly-taken free-kick set Kevin Moore free on the left and his 25-yard lob defeated Andy Hall and went in off the far post.

Eton Manor 6, Sawbridgeworth Tn 1

(Essex Senior League)

Manor equalised on 40 minutes when Chris Barratt fired in a rebound after Robins' keeper Michael Burrell had kept out a Liam Mulcare effort from a corner.

Manor went ahead just after the break when Bradley Brotherton drilled home, and the Braves' lead was stretched on 51 minutes. A three-man move ended with Mulcare setting up Kunle

Adeoye to shoot home.

Hall made a brilliant finger-tip stop from Sawbo substitute James Simmons before Anton Stephenson netted on the hour.

The rout was completed by two more goals on 75 and 90 minutes from Stephenson and Adeoye respectively.

The result left Sawbo in 14th.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Burrell, Bullied, Crook, Day Baker (Childs 61), Sontag, Conlan (Smith 61), Ellice, Hughes, Moore (Simmons 45), Hudson.

Kirby backs referee as match is called off

HAWKS player-coach Ryan Kirby refused to condemn referee Neil Hair who called Saturday's match off an hour before kick-off due to the waterlogged pitch.

Harlow Town had expected a bumper crowd for the visit of Boreham Wood in the Ryman League premier division fixture.

By 3pm the pitch had dried out and was in a far more playable condition than it was for two of Harlow's previous matches in December - against Ashford Town (Middx) and Margate.

But a relieved Kirby felt the surface would have cut up dramatically if the match had been played.

"There is a lot of water on the surface and there is a problem with the far side [opposite the main stand] that we have not got rid of from last season," explained Kirby.

"We have played in worse. Against Margate and Ashford it was raining in both. They were difficult conditions.



PRACTICE SESSION: Hawks players stage an impromptu training session at Barrows Farm after the referee called the match off due to a waterlogged pitch. Photo: Dave Tully (CS792HTN-07)

Maybe the refs were keener to keep those games on.

"But the ball was not even bouncing. It was sensible. I fully understand and it does not hurt our pitch to stay off it.

If it's not recovered, it could do more damage to the pitch."

With a gruelling January programme coming up including games against the two top teams in Chelmsford

City and Hendon, plus Horsham and the possibility of a rearranged game against Boreham Wood, this postponement could be a good thing.

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Hawks need to get tough

HARLOW Town must show some steel if they are to avoid a relegation battle.

That's the view of player-boss Ryan Kirby as his side move into a key stage of the season.

The Hawks' match against Boreham Wood was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch on Saturday. It was the only postponement in the premier division and this, combined with other results, saw Harlow drop back into the bottom six.

Kirby's side would have come out of the busy holiday schedule unbeaten if they had not conceded a 92nd-minute winner at Billericay Town on Boxing Day after having wing-back Mark Taylor sent off.

The player-boss felt that result summed up where the Hawks have faltered in several matches this season. "We need a bit more steel and more of a dogged mentality. If it ain't our day to win we've got to make sure

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it ain't theirs either.

"We need to show a bit more hunger and desire. We want to say 'we want to win this more than you'."

Kirby believes his side could take a leaf out of the book of their next opponents, AFC Hornchurch. Harlow visit the Essex team in two days' time.

Last season's Ryman division one north champions have climbed into fourth, and have accrued eight more points

than Kirby's men, winning 10 matches from 21 compared to the Hawks' six victories in 22 games.

"They are in the top half but I don't think it's because they are a better team than us. They have more points than us and they don't let a lot in at the back - and they take their chances.

"We would like to be in the same position as them and the only way to get there is to beat them on Saturday. We know enough about them to go and get a win."

Kirby hopes his side will be boosted by the return of striker Raphael Sylvestre. He was recalled to Leyton Orient due to an injury crisis but Harlow hope to have him back for the rest of January.

Taylor plays his last match before beginning a three-match ban for his red card against Billericay on Boxing Day.

Meanwhile, central defender Danny Chapman must speak to a specialist about his back problem and is likely to be sidelined for the whole of January.

RYMAN LEAGUE					
Up to & incl Tue Jan 1					
Premier Division					
	P	W	D	L	Pt
Chelmsford City	23	15	4	4	49
Hendon	25	13	8	4	47
AFC Wimbledon	20	10	6	4	36
Ramsgate	22	10	6	6	36
AFC Hornchurch	21	10	4	7	34
Staines Tn	18	9	5	4	32
Margate	24	8	8	8	32
Ashford Tn (Middx)	22	9	4	9	31
Horsham	17	10	0	7	30
Boreham Wood	23	9	3	11	30
Maidstone Utd	23	9	3	11	30
E Thurrock Utd	22	8	5	9	29
Harrow Boro	24	8	5	11	29
Wealdstone	20	8	4	8	28
Heybridge Swifts	23	6	9	8	27
Billericay Tn	21	7	6	8	27
Harlow Tn	22	6	8	8	26
Tonbridge Angels	22	6	7	9	25
Folkestone Invicta	22	7	4	11	25
Carshalton Ath	20	7	3	10	24
Hastings Utd	23	6	5	12	23
Leyton	23	4	3	16	15



STEEL: Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby

